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## County councillors support 'ambitious' vision for future

COUNTY councillors have offered their support for a bold and ambitious four-year vision for Somerset.

Somerset County Council's (SCC) Cabinet has backed the vision, aiming to put the authority at the

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heart of work to create a Somerset university, new business parks, new energy initiatives and more

around the county.

The vision is part of the County Plan 2016-2020, which will be considered for approval by full council in February.

"I'm excited about the future for Somerset and our vision is bold and simple," said the leader of Somerset County Council, Councillor John Osman.

"More jobs, more homes, better health, better education, better partnership working and better connections for the county."

"The projects within the vision are ambitious, but they are also vital to the future of the county, reversing the 'brain drain' and making Somerset a place where people come to study and work with a vibrant economy and thriving communities."

The current County Plan for SCC covers the period 2013-17 and it was felt that circumstances have changed so much that a refreshed and updated version of the plan was needed.

Those changed circumstances included the prospect of a devolution deal with government, strategic implications of advanced work with health colleagues to work towards the integration of health and social care services, and the continuing reduction in central government funding.

This new version of the County Plan emphasizes a more partnership-based approach to provision of services.

"Times are challenging for local authorities but we still have to look forward," said Councillor Osman.

"To be sustainable in the long-term we need a county with enough jobs, homes and council tax payers to generate the income we and other local authorities need to provide our valuable services such as

care for vulnerable children and adults.

"Work will start over the next year to deliver the vision and we will work closely with other public sector organisations, the voluntary sector and private industry to make our ambitions a reality."

The vision includes:

- A university for Somerset;
- Major jobs boost through creating new business;
- A significant 'push' on energy initiatives;
- Devolved powers from government.

Councillor Osman added: "Somerset County Council is ideally placed to take a lead and work with key partners to bring this County Plan to life and make it real."

"We have worked well with partners over the past few years but it is time to ramp that up."

"Somerset is working together as never before. Our district and parish councils, the NHS, emergency services, voluntary and charity sectors – we have never been more united in our approach to do our best for our residents, businesses and communities."

"We have a strong base to deliver what everyone wants and the results we are all working towards: 'For Somerset to thrive, for Somerset to have a brighter future'."

"We need to do more, to work more closely to provide better services and reduce all of our costs. That is my commitment to Somerset – that is the commitment in this County Plan."

You can read the County Plan online at [www.somersetcountyplan.org.uk](http://www.somersetcountyplan.org.uk)



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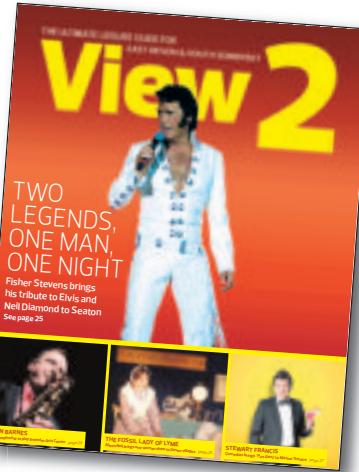
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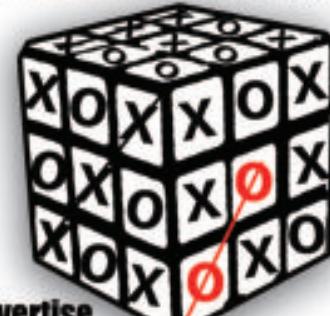
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### SIDMOUTH

## Town council seeks volunteers for plan

**SIDMOUTH** Town Council is launching a recruitment drive to find community volunteers to help support the Neighbourhood Plan, starting with an information event tonight, January 19th.

The council is keen that the newly announced project is run by the community with the support of councillors, to ensure the plan itself is meaningful and relevant to the people of Sidmouth.

To help understand the process and to allow people to find out more, Sidmouth Town Council has organised a public event tonight to be held at Teresa's Church Hall, Connaught Road at 7pm (doors will open at 6:45pm for tea and coffee).

During the event, the aims of the Neighbourhood Plan will be outlined and there will be opportunities to ask questions.

Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Forum, Councillor Louise Cole, said the process of creating the plan must be owned by the whole community.

She said: "We know that there are lots of people in Sidmouth who have great skills to help us. We now have the funding and a statutory framework for it to happen."

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## From the editor's chair Closure for Genette's family?

**WITH** a 50-year career behind me in journalism, people often ask me what is the biggest story I have covered.

There are many that stick in my mind. The runaway lorry that crashed into The London in Lyme Regis; the French jet which crashed onto a garage in Crewkerne; the mysterious death of a stranger who garroted herself in a Lyme Regis beach hut; the plane packed with holidaymakers which crash landed at Ottery St Mary.

The most disturbing, however, was the murder of Aylesbeare schoolgirl Genette Tate.

At the time I was the editor of the Sidmouth Herald and was called off the cricket pitch in Uplyme by my boss, the late Jimmy Hall, a brilliant newspaperman, on that August afternoon in 1978.

Her disappearance whilst delivering the Express & Echo around the village dominated the columns of the Sidmouth Herald and other newspapers covering East Devon for several months.

The Genette Tate case became Devon & Cornwall's longest unsolved crime until recently when the police were about to submit a case against convicted child killer Robert Black, but he died days before he was due to be charged.



I shall never forget the daunting picture of Genette's bike lying abandoned in that Devon lane where she was snatched in daylight.

In a bid to give Genette's family some peace, the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary will still submit their file on Black to the Crown Prosecution Service.

● THE mural has gone up on the old Webster's Garage site in Axminster as the people of Axminster wait patiently for the former town centre eyesore to open as a temporary car park. Apparently there are still a few planning matters to resolve.

I had an interesting discussion about Webster's with one of the town's leading lights who said there was growing support for an idea that Axminster's Thursday street market should be transferred to the former garage site combined with a farmer's market. After all, they reasoned, did Axminster really need another car park?

I'm not sure how Lord of The Manor Jim Rowe, who owns the market rights, would view such a radical suggestion. I have to say, I don't think it's likely to happen.

PHILIP EVANS

## OTTERY ST MARY School crossing cuts anger councillor

**OTTERY** St Mary's county councillor has criticised plans by the local authority to remove the school crossing patrol officer based at Tip Hill Crossroads.

Councillor Claire Wright made the statement in response to Devon County Council's school crossing consultation relating to Ottery St Mary.

On her personal blog, Cllr Wright said: "I am very concerned about the safety of children making their way to Ottery Primary School in Longdogs Lane by having to cross the road at the Tip Hill Crossroads."

## AXMINSTER Superfast fibre broadband comes to town

**SUPERFAST** fibre broadband has enjoyed a massive expansion in Axminster.

As part of Connecting Devon and Somerset's (CDS) multi-million pound roll-out, the connection of a town centre cabinet means that more than 4,300 households and businesses in and around the town will be able to access speeds of up to 80Mbps before the end of the year.

The connection of the roadside cabinet is seen as a milestone as it is the 1,000th cabinet to go live as part of the project.

A CDS spokesperson said: "Axminster is the latest community to benefit from fibre broadband thanks to the multimillion pound roll-out from Connecting Devon and Somerset."

"More than 1,700 households and businesses in the town already have access to faster fibre broadband speeds of up to 80Mbps, with the roll-

## SOUTH SOMERSET Support for vision of the future

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out expected to reach more than 4,300 premises in the Axminster area during 2016."

The programme is making "excellent progress" to provide faster broadband to the 'final third' of premises unlikely to benefit from the private sector's commercial broadband investment, the majority in rural locations.

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## SEATON Council approves town hall deal

**SEATON** Town Council has unanimously and formally approved the town hall deal brokered just before Christmas.

The extraordinary meeting of the town council on January 11th had to be moved downstairs to the main hall because the room upstairs could not cope with the number of people present.

About 50 people attended what proved to be a brief and controversy free meeting.

Just before Christmas, East Devon District Council, Seaton Town Council, Seaton's Voice and Seaton Museum reached an agreement in principle to secure a long-term future for the venue as a public building, beneficial to the local community.

The agreement was based on the transfer of the freehold interest of Seaton Town Hall from East Devon District Council to Seaton Town Council, without charge.

Seaton Town Council will concurrently agree a long lease on the town hall to Seaton's Voice, excluding the current area occupied by the museum.

This will secure the future of The Gateway entertainment venue and the use of the hall by community groups.

Town councillors agreed unanimously to pass a five-point motion which will get it all rolling.

Councillor Martin Shaw said: "I support the resolution, it is important that the town council and Seaton's Voice can work in partnership."

The deal will see the town council relocate to Marshlands, which it recently bought from Devon County Council.



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# Work underway at Chard's new £500k health and fitness centre

MORE than half a million pounds is being invested in a new gym for Chard.

1610, which manages Cresta Leisure Centre, has started work to convert an industrial unit on Jarman Way into a £500,000 state of the art, purpose-built health and fitness centre, which will open in April this year.

1610, which is a not-for-profit leisure trust, formerly known as Somerset Leisure, currently manages Cresta Leisure Centre on a shared school site with the Holyrood Academy.

But growing demand for its services and the limited size of the Zembard Lane site has meant that 1610 has had to find new and larger premises to meet demand.

Work is under way to transform the former commercial premises on Jarman Way into a new health and fitness centre.

The new, larger premises will, for example, mean the gym will double in size and also have a dedicated spinning studio.

The swimming pool will continue to operate at Zembard Lane and the current fitness facilities at Cresta Leisure Centre will remain open and functional as usual while work is underway at the new centre.

A 1610 spokesperson said: "Members of Cresta Leisure Centre will not face any disruption to their services."

1610 CEO Tim Nightingale said the development in Chard presents an opportunity for a new vision for sport and fitness in Chard, and added: "The new and larger premises means we can expand our services and develop more versatile technology."

"We wish to work with local partners in Chard to develop a town-wide vision for the way sport and fitness is delivered to the local community in the best way possible."

"Membership of Cresta Leisure Centre has tripled in the last five years and demand is still growing so it is important that we meet those future



■ PROGRESS: Rebecca Sawtell (1610), Greg Haynes (Technogym UK), Gary Walder (Synergy Creative), Joe Philip (1610), district councillor Amanda Broom and Chris Engert (1610) on a site visit

needs with an exciting programme of services and facilities."

"The new gym will be equipped with 46 work stations, fitted out with Technogym's latest cutting edge equipment with touch screen displays, integrated TV, internet access plus a range of apps and games across the mix of cardiovascular machines."

"The dedicated spinning studio will have 39 bikes and the Prama studio will offer local residents some of the most inspiring and leading edge fitness technology in the leisure industry."

Manager Joe Philip explained: "The Prama experience is multi-sensory and it uses an intelligent interactive flooring system with integrated LED lights which is controlled by touch screen technology."

"The new centre will also have more dedicated gym staff who will be able to offer a high level of service to encourage local people to make fitness a real and lasting lifestyle choice."

## Increased drink driving over Christmas

ROAD safety officers say they were disappointed at the increased number of people caught drink or drug driving over the Christmas and New Year holiday.

A total of 155 people were arrested in the Avon and Somerset area on suspicion of drink/drug driving offences compared with 106 in December 2014. Of those, 96 were charged compared with 59 during December 2014.

T/Chief Inspector Stuart Bell, leading the Operation Tonic road safety campaign, said: "Even one driver caught driving under the influence is one too many. We are very disappointed in the increase in this year's figures."

"Once we have the full information and data from the operation we will be analysing the results to try to understand why so many people felt they could take the risk and break the law."

"Our ongoing aim is to work with our partners to educate people about the dangers and consequences of drink and drug driving, and to send out a strong message that to do so is morally and socially unacceptable."

"Ideally we prevent all drink and drug driving, and will aim to catch one hundred per cent of people who drink and drug drive, to deter others and to make our roads safer for all."

"We are still collating our statistics, so we don't know for sure if the increase in drink/drug drivers is because we carried out more stop checks or more breath tests than last year, or if people just thought they could get away with it."

"What is clear is that these figures are too high – and we will be continuing our efforts to catch drink/drug drivers and to deter others, not just at Christmas but throughout the year."

# 'At risk' groups urged to get free flu vaccine

SOMERSET's Director of Public Health is reminding parents and people in 'at risk' groups that to maintain good health this winter it is not too late to get their free flu vaccine.

For most people flu is just a nasty experience, but

for some it can lead to illnesses that are more serious, including bronchitis and secondary bacterial pneumonia, which can be life threatening.

NHS recommendations say the following people should have a flu jab:

- everyone aged 65 and over
- all pregnant women, at any stage of pregnancy
- all two, three, and four, year old children
- all children in school years 1 and 2
- all primary school-aged children in some parts of the country
- everyone living in a residential or nursing home
- everyone who cares for an older or disabled person
- household contacts of anyone who is 'immuno-compromised'
- all frontline health and social care staff

Anyone in these groups who hasn't yet had the vaccine should contact their GP, pharmacist or midwife now as they are at much greater risk of becoming seriously unwell if they catch flu, and sadly many end up in hospital.

Simple steps can help you towards good winter health. Being considerate of those around you and maintaining good cough and hand hygiene will help to prevent the spread of germs and reduce the risk of transmission for flu.

This includes remembering to cover your own nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough and sneeze and disposing of the tissue and washing your hands with hot water and soap every time you sneeze - as soon as you can.

Simple winter health steps include:

- Keep warm - this may help prevent colds, flu or more serious health conditions such as heart attacks, strokes and pneumonia.
- Look out for your neighbours, friends and family to see they are coping well and whether they need your help.
- Eat well - food gives you energy, which helps to keep you warm. So, try to have regular hot meals and drinks throughout the day.

Councillor Anna Groskop, Cabinet Member with responsibility for health said: "For good health during the winter months remember that the flu vaccine

is still the best protection we have against an unpredictable virus. It can reduce the risk of serious illness, ending up in hospital, and even death among those who are most at risk."

For advice and information about the flu jab please speak to your GP, practice nurse or pharmacist.

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# Proposal to spend £5,000 on survey of Chard School as part of town's regeneration scheme

AN historic building in Chard looks set to undergo a £5,000 condition survey.

South Somerset District Council's (SSDC) Area West Committee has been recommended to approve a proposal to spend £5,000 on a survey of the Chard School building.

The committee will meet on Wednesday, January 20th and a report for members said: "Chard has a number of important buildings that sit within the historic town centre including Godworthy House (Chard Museum), 7-13 Fore Street (containing no.9 which includes the Courthouse), Chard School and Holyrood Locomotive.

"Chard Regeneration Scheme (CRS) Project Board recognises the important role played by Chard's town centre heritage buildings. All of them contribute to the life of Chard, but they all have problems which threaten their viability.

"They all cost 'too much' to run and maintain, because they do not generate enough income and the return on any investment is seen as poor.

"The CRS project board sees the development of more successful offers of public access and interpretation that generate a better, viable return through both income and footfall as vital to the successful regeneration of Chard and its town centre.

"The Area West Development Team continues to work on a set of proposals to address these complex issues and relationships.

"As these emerge, we will be bringing them for discussion and agreement on funding to the Area West Committee in the first instance and provide updates to the CRS Board."

The Chard school building is first in line, and the

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report added: "Built in 1583 for a wealthy local merchant, John Symes, the house was donated to the town of Chard as a Grammar School by his successors in 1671, and there has been a school on the site continuously ever since.

"It remained the town's grammar school until 1890, when it became a public boarding school. In

1972 the present school was established, as an independent co-educational preparatory school.

"For many years, in an effort to contain costs, there has been low or no maintenance of some of the external and internal fabric of the school buildings.

"In summer 2015, having saved the school from closure and addressed day to day maintenance issues, the governors turned their attention to the long term upkeep and, in places, restoration of the

school buildings and sought advice from SSDC's Conservation Team on the work needed and potential sources of funding to help them carry it out."

It is the opinion of SSDC officers that it would be both sensible and prudent if SSDC paid £5,000 towards the costs of the necessary condition survey and retained ownership of the contents whilst sharing these freely with Chard School to assist the efforts to attract grant funding.

## Floral displays good enough to eat!



RECENT floral design workshops held at Combe St Nicholas Village Hall near Chard were awash with Christmas cakes – but not the type that put on any inches!

Local ladies watched a step-by-step flower arranging demonstration before putting their creative hats on to produce some stunning floral cakes that looked good enough to eat.

Liz Stevens said: "I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and am really pleased with what I made. Floral cakes are perfect gifts, I will definitely be making some to give to friends."

Local tutor Jackie Nicholls from Ashville Design said: "What is so exciting about floral design is that there are no boundaries. And best of all, you don't need any experience to have a go."

"It's always great fun to do some-

thing different – not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. I am so proud of everyone who came along and took home a floral cake they were really pleased with."

Jackie will be starting her 2016 flower arranging workshops on Saturday, January 30th from 10am to 12.30pm in Combe St Nicholas Village Hall.

She said: "Spring is on its way, so we're beginning with an awe-inspiring rustic design using fresh tulips, twigs and foliage. You will learn how to combine these into a fabulous arrangement that will continue to grow and will also become skilled at how to use tulip leaves to enhance the overall look."

The workshop costs £20 per person which includes a basic kit and refreshments. For more information call Jackie on 01460 67795 or visit [www.ashvilledesign.co.uk](http://www.ashvilledesign.co.uk)



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## Pupils practise robotics



■ THE children at Chard School were thrilled to take delivery of programmable robotic arms. The children will learn how to program the robotic arms as part of science, technology engineering, maths and space topic activities.

## Local MP hopes to help secure long-term future for post office

LOCAL MP Marcus Fysh MP says he is working behind the scenes with potential providers to secure a long-term resolution for Crewkerne Post Office.

The branch recently closed because the landlord had given notice to vacate.

Mr Fysh said: "Whilst negotiations are happening behind the scenes, the key point is to continue explor-

ing every available opportunity to reopen the post office – and keep it open permanently.

"I am optimistic that by continuing to hold these conversations we can achieve a resolution.

"I would like to thank the large number of residents who have been contacting me with their thoughts and suggestions."

## Community groups invited to apply for funds from council

COMMUNITY groups and organisations in the Chard area are being invited to apply for some much-needed cash to help fund projects and events.

Chard Town Council has reopened its community development fund for a second round of funding.

The council is actively seeking applications to the grant scheme from local voluntary and community groups and charitable organisations looking to set up new projects or enhance their current activities or facilities in the town.

The closing date for the second phase of funding is Monday, February 1st at 10am.

Application forms are available from the council's website at [www.chard.gov.uk](http://www.chard.gov.uk) or by contacting the town council on 01460-239567. Organisations that have already been financially supported by the council in this financial year, however, will not be eligible to apply again.

Chard Town Council hopes to support many different kinds of projects through this fund – such as staging a one-off event, funding a pilot scheme or the purchase of new equipment.

The fund aims to support smaller scale groups to deliver projects that make a difference to the quality of life of people living in Chard.

It cannot be used to fund running costs of an organisation or be paid retrospectively to a project that has already started.

The maximum amount available for each application is £1,000, with no minimum limit. Applicants will be expected to match fund 25 per cent of the project costs with their own resources and supply financial statements and estimates where appropriate in accordance with the terms of the application.

Chard's new town clerk, Zoe Truong, said: "Chard Town Council is committed to encouraging community development, and is always pleased to see applications from organisations who are working towards this.

"We look forward to finding out how we can best support the variety of projects happening in the town."

Awards will be made before the end of March 2016 and successful applicants will be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting in April to collect their cheques.

## Rotary Club to host Burn's Night ceilidh and auction

CHARD Rotary Club is holding a Burn's Night Ceilidh with an auction of promises in Chard Guildhall on Friday, January 22nd.

Promises that will be available on the night include Sunday lunch for six, a cream tea for four at Hornsbury Mill, a family pitch and putt voucher at Windwhistle Golf Club, a framed photographic portrait of a favourite pet and transport for four people to Bristol Airport.

Tickets are available at £10 per head and the club hopes that people will make up tables of eight, although smaller groups are welcome, and bring along their own supper. Free haggis will also be provided.

Tickets can be obtained from Barron's Outfitters in Holyrood Street or by contacting Robin Williams on 01460 66631.

## Arsonists set three cars ablaze

ARSONISTS are being blamed for three car fires in Crewkerne in the early hours of Saturday, January 9th.

The alarm was raised at just before 2.15am to the incident in Henley View and one fire engine from Crewkerne was mobilised.

The extent of the damage was not described, but a spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "Crews confirmed a fire involving three cars. The cause of the fire was believed to be deliberate."

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## Local businesses asked to complete survey

BUSINESSES in and around Crewkerne are being encouraged to have their say and influence the local business support, activities and benefits on offer in the area.

The Crewkerne Area Business Chamber is running a short survey to collate the views of business people, as part of its commitment to reinvigorate the organisation following a committee reshuffle at its annual general meeting in October 2015.

Chairman Brian Forster said: "The Crewkerne Area Business Chamber is here to represent the local business community, so we're running this survey to clarify what it is that local businesses want most from the chamber and what they think are the key business issues in the area.

"This information will be used to help us refocus our activities and priorities, making the Chamber more relevant and better suited to delivering what matters most to local businesses."

The Crewkerne Area Business Chamber aims to represent the business community in and around Crewkerne, and to find ways of bringing that community together to support and enhance business in the area.

The 10-question survey takes just a few minutes to complete and will be open until the end of January. It can be found online at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6ZK56GF](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6ZK56GF) or for a hard copy, email [crewkernechamber@gmail.com](mailto:crewkernechamber@gmail.com)

## New member joins Rotary



■ WELCOME: Rotary President Linda Piggott with new member Nicola Della Valle and Bob Acland

THE Rotary club of Ilminster recently welcomed its latest member, Nicola Della Valle, who was inducted by District Governor Bob Acland.

A long-standing resident of the town, Nicola is a keen supporter of the popular Warehouse Theatre and is involved in a number of other local activities, including the Ilminster Experience.

Rotary President Linda Piggott-Vijeh said: "Nicola is well known in the town and during the last six

months has attended many of our meetings. I am delighted that she has agreed to join our ranks as her enthusiasm and pro-active hands on approach will certainly be an asset.

"It will also help to bring down the average age of our membership considerably, and we are hoping that she will encourage other younger members of the community to become involved in the valuable work we do."



■ PREDICTION: Colin Varndell, pictured with wife Susy, gave a talk on 'The Natural Beauty of Dorset' at Crewkerne & District U3A

the heathland and downs of West Dorset.

As well as the spectacular rock formations of the cliffs, he also showed the birds, wild flowers, insects and reptiles, some of them very rare, that inhabit the area, from otters and kingfishers to orchids and butterflies such as the Adonis Blue.

Photographs taken by Colin, a self-taught photographer, have been published in many books and magazines. He and Susy run a natural history photography business.

## Wildlife photographer talks on eroding Jurassic Coast

ONE day it will be "Crewkerne-by-the-Sea", but don't get your deckchairs out just yet because it won't happen soon.

In fact, it could take tens of thousands of years, members of Crewkerne & District University of the Third Age (U3A) heard at their monthly meeting on January 4th.

Award-winning wildlife photographer Colin Varndell said that the Jurassic Coast was disappearing fast. A mile of coastline had been lost to erosion in the last 2,000 years, he told the meeting at the Heritage Centre. So the prediction about Crewkerne being on the coast will happen some time in the future.

Colin, who lives in Netherbury, near Beaminster, gave a talk called "The Natural Beauty of Dorset" based on a book of that title, published in 2014, that he wrote with his wife Susy.

His talk, illustrated by some of his photographs which feature in the book, was a journey along the Jurassic Coast from Lyme Regis to Poole Harbour and then inland to include

the heathland and downs of West Dorset.

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## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

A special 'remembrance tree' was erected in the B.Gibbs Funeral Services office, 28 Fore Street, Chard. Members of the public placed a personal remembrance star on the tree to fondly think of lost loved ones. There was also a collection for the Children's Hospice South West and any small donations were gratefully received. Children's Hospice South West is an amazing charity that helps children with life-limiting conditions. They are absolutely committed to making the most of short and precious lives. The care offered at each of their hospices is not simply about medical and nursing care for sick children, but about enriching the lives of children and their families. Families talk about the 'treasure chest' of precious memories they build to carry into the future... a future which will, sadly, be

without their much loved child or children.

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lected. A cheque totalling £530 was handed over to the charities local Fund Raiser Caroline Dowell.



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# Station friends ask passengers to have their say on services

THE Friends of Crewkerne Station are asking passengers what facilities and services they want.

Members of the Friends of Crewkerne Station have put together the questionnaire to help provide the evidence for their submission to the government consultation on re-franchising the rail service.

The contract with South West Trains comes to an end in 2017 and the government is consulting about what should be in the new contract.

"The friends are using the questionnaire to find out what facilities people need at the station and what sort of service they expect from the rail operating company.

by Anders Larsson  
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"The deadline for responses to the consultation is February 9th and the friends are meeting to put together the results of the questionnaire on January 27th.

Secretary Gail Coleshill said: "We want to get lots of responses so we have put questionnaires at many of the railway stations on the Salisbury to Exeter line for people to fill in."

"They are very short, so can easily be done while waiting for a train, but we also want to encourage people who don't normally travel by train to fill them in."

Group members would also like to wish everybody a happy new year and especially thank those who supported the Friends' Station Open Day in December.

Chairman of the Friends Tony Reese praised the local businesses who gave raffle prizes in support of the Station Open Day.

He said: "We are very fortunate that local businesses in Crewkerne are so supportive.

"Everyone tells us that they appreciate the help the friends give to the station and, of course, good transport facilities benefits local business."

The government consultation paper can be found online at <http://bit.ly/1ksoFfr>



■ WHISTLESTOP TOUR: Gail Coleshill, secretary of the Friends of Crewkerne Station, delivers copies of the questionnaire to Raif Copley at Templecombe

## Anoraks' film tells story of German prisoner

ANORAKS Communications, Crewkerne & District U3A's film-making group, will be showing and talking about their latest film "The Power and the Glory".

The talk will take place on Monday, February 1st during their monthly meeting at the Henhayes Centre at 2pm.

The film is about churches in Somerset and Dorset and includes the story about an ex-German Prisoner of War who, during a period of nearly 30 years, installed many stained glass windows in the church at East Chinnock as a way of saying thank you for the kindness he was shown whilst a prisoner.

The meeting is for members of the U3A and prospective members of the U3A.



■ ANORAKS: The team behind the film

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■ TAKING DELIVERY: From left, local farm Mike Turner and Tracey and Gerald Hobbs from The Squirrel Inn with the ash faggot

## Pub opens its doors to continue annual West Country tradition

THE new owners of The Squirrel Inn, near Winsham, halted renovation work for one day to make sure that a local tradition could be kept alive.

Gerald and Tracey Hobbs hope to open in March, but were happy to make the pub available for the annual burning of the ash faggot on Wednesday, January 6th.

In short, the ritual is a very old West Country tradition, thought to have originated in Scandinavia.

Local farmer Mike Turner has made the ash faggot for The Squirrel for 42 consecutive years.

With the pub currently undergoing renovation, he said: "I'm very pleased that someone opened the door to burn it in here."

Mr Hobbs said: "It was a very good night, it was packed.

"It took four hours, 20 minutes and 30 seconds to burn the ash faggot."

## Works continue to improve Yeovil's key transport links

MAJOR work to improve key transport links in Yeovil is continuing to make good progress with the upgrade of the Horsey Roundabout nearing completion.

Somerset County Council carried out most of the work before Christmas with several road closures in place, before focus switched to Lysander Road.

The next phased started on January 4th, which will see the existing pedestrian crossings on this route removed, the central islands widened to provide a larger area for pedestrians and cyclists to wait, and a new pedestrian and cycle crossing installed.

Carriageway resurfacing started Monday, January 11th using overnight road closures between 7pm to 7am, although these will be kept to a minimum.

Temporary crossing facilities will be in place while the new toucan crossing is installed, with work also including a new underground traffic detection system and new signs and road markings.

The Horsey Roundabout upgrade is the first phase of a £14million programme of works to improve roads along the Eastern and Western Corridors of Yeovil.

The second phase will see an upgrade of the Hospital Roundabout, also along the Eastern Corridor. Work here is likely to start on Monday, February 1st, although may be brought forward depending on progress at Horsey. Further details about the timing of this work and traffic management arrangements will be available later in January.

The works at the Hospital Roundabout will see dedicated left turn lanes provided on the Queensway, Kingston and Reckleford approaches together with a reduction in the width of the circulatory carriageway. This should help to increase the capacity of the roundabout and improve safety through the junction.

Councillor David Fothergill, Somerset County Council's Cabinet member for highways, said: "We're investing a huge amount of money across Yeovil to make sure its transport links can cope with future developments.

"Planning all the work is far from straightforward but we're doing what we can to keep disruption to a minimum.

"We understand people won't appreciate the work while it's taking place, but hopefully they will support our end goal – which is to make sure the town has a road system fit for the future."

Work to improve links along the Western Corridor of the town is also being planned. It was hoped to start this in January but the county council is still working through the tendering process to appoint a contractor which offers the best value for money. This scheme will now take place later in the year, with the added benefit that work will not clash with the Hospital Roundabout upgrade.

Councillor Fothergill added: "There's already plenty of work going on around Yeovil, so we feel the best plan of action is to take time and make sure we get the details of the scheme absolutely right and at the right price."

As well as increasing the capacity of major junctions and improving traffic flow, the Eastern and Western Corridor schemes are essential to support Yeovil's economic growth and are necessary to allow major developments to go ahead, including:

- More than 2,000 new homes at sites in Brimsmore, Lufton and Lyde Road;
- More than 20 hectares of employment land at Lufton and Bunford Park;
- Redevelopment of the town centre including the cattle market;

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# Helping Yarlington residents get back into work

THE start of the New Year has seen social enterprise Inspired to Achieve (i2a) launch the third of a set of courses which aim to help people get back into employment.

Covering everything from the initial job hunt to CVs and practical interview skills, the five week "Getting into Work" courses have already resulted in some huge successes and life-changing moments for individuals.

Inspired to Achieve is delivering the courses Yarlington Housing Group residents in Somerset after it was recognised that many residents using i2a for individual coaching and advice were at the same stage in their job searching journey and would benefit from group sessions.

Employment co-ordinator Nicki Watts, who is running the courses alongside colleagues Chris Newman and Lee-Anne Hodges, said: "The training enables residents to meet others in a similar situation, share good practice and learn from one another - the peer support has been a huge benefit and those who attended found their confidence grew."

As a result of the training, six out of the 13 people who attended have secured employment; one resident was offered two jobs in the same day and another, who hadn't worked since 2004 due to becoming a full-time dad to his three children after his wife passed away, secured a full-time job at local company Toolstream.

He said: "It's brilliant to be back at work, meeting new people. I have never been offered the level of support that i2a gave me before and I am really grateful to them.

"They helped me with my CV and taught me about using the computer to look for jobs, I was put at ease and they boosted my confidence which I needed."

Alongside the "Getting into Work" course, i2a runs a "Get On" employment surgery every Tuesday and continues to offer one-to-one support to customers.

Mark Evans, head of i2a, said: "i2a is unique be-

cause we tailor our offering for each individual depending on their goals and aspirations. Whether that be to secure full time work, volunteering opportunities or training, a range of support is offered by the team, from one-to-one coaching to group work or drop in sessions, and we have seen that this is making a real difference."

In 2015 i2a helped 135 Yarlington residents into employment, education or training.

The "Get On" employment surgery is held every Tuesday from 9am to 1pm at Oaklands School in Yeovil and is open to all Yarlington residents giving access to IT, job vacancies and help with job applications.

If you are interested in finding out more about i2a's services get in touch with Shannon McCabe by calling 01935 404075 or email [Shannon@inspired-to-achieve.com](mailto:Shannon@inspired-to-achieve.com)



## Live CCTV helped arrest 1,060 offenders in 2015

A TOTAL of 180 arrests were made in Yeovil and South Somerset during 2015 as a result of "live" incidents followed by a CCTV control room.

The CCTV team in Sedgemoor dealt with nearly 4,000 incidents in 2015 which resulted in 1,060 people being arrested across the county.

These figures are for live incidents monitored and recorded by the CCTV operators and do not include incidents or arrest figures for crimes that were dealt with through post-incident investigations by the police where CCTV footage was used.

Sedgemoor District Council's CCTV department monitors 145 CCTV cameras across Sedgemoor and the two neighbouring authorities of Taunton Deane and South Somerset. In addition to this, it also has a number of dedicated Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras.

In 2015, South Somerset alone saw 650 incidents captured on live CCTV resulting in 180 arrests.

The CCTV operators work in the control room 24

hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. In 2015 they took 2,154 out-of-hours emergency calls from the public.

A spokesperson for Sedgemoor District Council's CCTV team said: "2015 has been a challenging year as the department has been busy throughout but it has also been a time for celebration as the team we celebrated its 21st birthday.

"Since the department opened in 1994 it has helped thousands of people who have been victims of crime, probably without them even knowing it.

"We have also helped police to recover stolen vehicles, find missing children and vulnerable adults who may be considering suicide. We also detect violent offenders and people carrying weapons or firearms.

"We help to locate those offenders who commit theft and burglary, and offenders who have evaded capture and are sought by the police. The CCTV

team continue to work closely with Avon and Somerset Police, those in the retail and pub trade, through the radio link scheme, and our local authority partners to get the best results and make the areas we monitor as safe as possible.

"Overall it is very difficult to quantify the success of a department by statistics, but the team at Sedgemoor are highly dedicated and provide vast amounts of evidence and intelligence to the authorities to aid them in the detection and prosecution of offenders.

"However, CCTV is not always about crime, and quite often we help in other ways that would not always be immediately obvious for example finding a lost/misplaced car, spotting traffic problems and updating on collisions, alerting authorities to a dangerous building that has been damaged in extreme weather or spotting early signs of flooding to name but a few."

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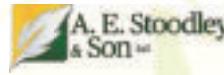
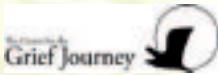
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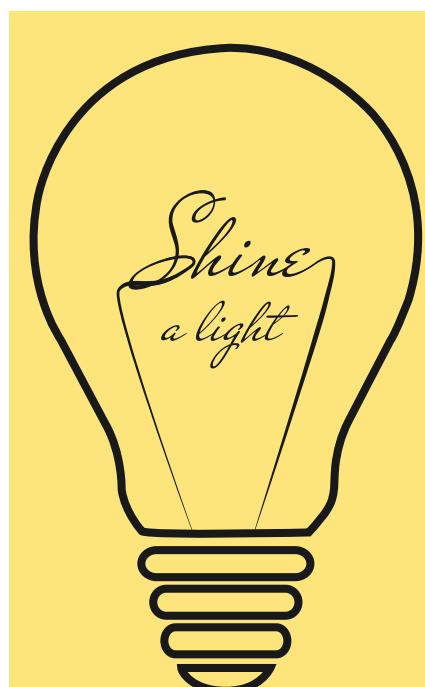
Based at the Henhayes Centre, Crewkerne, the six week course, which runs three times a year, has helped over 60 families adjust and move forward after a bereavement, and provide support and reassurance to those supporting others through a loss.

Grief Journey South Somerset is run by volunteer facilitators trained by Grief Journey UK, a support programme devised by Dr Bill Webster.

In 1983, Dr Webster's young wife, Carolyn, died very suddenly, leaving him to cope with his loss, and to care for their 2 boys, then aged only 9 and 7. At first, Bill seemed to be doing well, and many commended him that he appeared 'so strong' and 'doing well' at the time of the death. But that apparent strength was, in fact, numbness, and three months after his wife's death, when the shock of her sudden death wore off, Bill felt like he was falling apart.

"That was probably the worst time of my whole life" said Dr Webster. "And the worse thing was people's expectations seemed to be that, by now, after three whole months, I should be 'getting over it'. What was wrong with me? Why couldn't I pull myself together?".

Supported by A E Stoodley & Son Funeral Directors of Crewkerne, Grief Journey South Somerset is free of charge to attend and is open to anyone in the local area who has suffered a bereavement, or who is supporting others through their loss. The next programme commences on Wednesday, January 27th from 2.00 - 4.00pm at The Henhayes Centre, Crewkerne. For more information, or to book a place, please telephone 01460 73229.



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# Somerset to welcome its first Syrian refugees

SOMERSET will welcome an initial six refugee families this year as part of a national programme to support those fleeing war-torn Syria.

The UK Government has pledged to settle 20,000 Syrian refugees over a five year period, including 1,000 in the first group, and has sought volunteer councils to offer resettlement.

Somerset is not a current asylum dispersal area so many organisations which would support refugees have no presence here. However, there is a desire to help from within the community, local authorities and health.

Like their counterparts across the UK, Somerset's five district councils, County Council and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have been considering how together they can play their part through the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (SVPRS).

They have agreed to welcome an initial group of six families in the spring, with the potential for more to arrive in the future. A similar approach is being adopted in other parts of the region.

The scheme is fully-funded by the Government and families will be housed in the private rented sector, having no impact on housing waiting lists operated by district councils. Families will only be resettled where the services, such as school places, health and social care, have the capacity to cater for them.

No decisions can be taken about locations until more is known about the families and their possible support needs. Initial discussions have highlighted Mendip, Taunton Deane and South Somerset as the most likely host areas, but all districts continue to be actively involved in discussions and planning.

Community groups have been included in discussions and this will continue, but initially it is the statutory authorities who need to arrange housing, health, education, benefit income, individual family support and interpreters.

On 21st December, Somerset County Councillors Anna Groskop, Cabinet Member for HR, Health and

Transformation, and Frances Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, jointly confirmed the County's support for the resettlement scheme.

On behalf of all the public sector organisations involved, they said: "We take pride in being a warm and welcoming county where people from all backgrounds have the opportunity to thrive. This has

been a real cross-organisation, joint effort and I'm delighted we are doing our bit to help those in desperate need.

"We know the people of Somerset are keen to help and this is a measured approach to test our capabilities. We're a rural county without existing support networks for refugees in place and it's important that we get this right."

All refugees will be subject to medical checks and enhanced, national-level security vetting before entry to the UK. Details of where the families are resettled will not be given so as to protect their privacy.

Individuals wishing to offer help are advised to visit the Government's website [www.gov.uk/government/news/syria-refugees-what-you-can-do-to-help--2](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/syria-refugees-what-you-can-do-to-help--2)

## Training over for Royal Navy aircraft engineers

SKILLED young technicians from Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton have marked the successful completion of their training to become fully fledged Royal Navy aircraft engineers before joining front line squadrons.

Commander Jo Deakin, Commanding Officer of the Air Engineering Department, welcomed everyone to the parade and thanked the staff and families for their support during the 55 weeks qualification process.

The guest of honour at the ceremony was Commodore Jon Pentreath OBE, Commanding Officer RNAS Yeovilton. In addressing the students' families Cdre Pentreath thanked everyone present saying:

"The Navy like to think of themselves as a family and so we will look after your sons, daughters, brothers and sisters but your support when they're operating around the world is just as critical," he said.

Cdre Pentreath, speaking to the trainees, added: "I congratulate all of you. You are now fully paid up members of the Fleet Air Arm; a deeply professional department, delivering huge output around the globe. You are joining at an extremely exciting

time; you all have challenging and rewarding careers ahead of you."

He then presented each student with the certificates, amongst which were six individuals recognised for their outstanding qualities, abilities and attitude.

The Academic Award is presented to the student who has achieved the best results during their training:

AET Jeremy Orange, 23, Lynx Academic Award winner, said: "I feel brilliant and very proud. This award is the icing on the cake."

AET Beasley Michael, 22, Merlin Academic winner, said: "We had no idea about these awards and no expectations really. Mum's very proud."

AET Rachel Dunn-Mcglynn, 30, awarded the Wildcat Academic award, said: "I'm very happy but also feel a little geeky and nerdy."

The Ethos Award is presented for spirit, loyalty,



■ AET Mark Greenway, winner of the Merlin Ethos trophy; AET Jeremy Orange, Lynx Academic Award winner; AET Zoé Baker, Lynx Ethos winner; AET Rachel Dunn-Mcglynn, awarded the Wildcat Academic; AET Beasley Michael, Merlin Academic winner; and AET Dean Cooper, Wildcat Ethos winner

respect, sense of humour and determination during training. AET Zoé Baker, 21, Lynx Ethos winner, said: "It's wonderful, Dad's over the moon."

AET Mark Greenway, 28, winner of the Merlin Ethos trophy, said: "I didn't even know about this award. This just proves that people do notice."

AET Dean Cooper, 27, Wildcat Ethos winner, said: "I'm astonished to receive this award. I really didn't expect anything."

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## SOUTH SOMERSET LETTERS

# Thanks for supporting Rotary

■ THE Rotary Club of Chard would like to thank local people, for their generosity during its fundraising activities in the run up to Christmas.

On Wednesday 16th December, the club held its annual 'Carols by Candlelight' service, this year in the new venue of Chard Methodist Church. The church provided a very warm welcome and a good size congregation enjoyed taking part in traditional carols and listening to the children of Chard Independent School, who were excellent.

A collection was taken during the service, and as a result the sum of £200 will go to help the work of the Chard and Crewkerne After Stroke Group.

## Collections raised £563 for cardiac risk charity

■ HILLARY and Bill Durrant, the wrinkly buskers, wish to thank most sincerely the generous people of Ilminster and surrounding villages for their donations into collecting tins for Cardiac Risk in the Young on December 22nd of £240 and £323 on December 23rd.

A magnificent total sum of £563 has been sent to Cardiac Risk in the Young in memory

We were also fortunate to be invited to carol sing at the Tesco Store in Tapstone Road. We were thrilled that the three occasions on which we sang raised the sum of £970. This enabled us to transfer £1,000 to the Rotary Club of Keswick to help with their work supporting those affected by the recent flooding.

The Rotary Club of Chard is always very grateful for the support it receives from the community and businesses and we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

**ROBIN WILLIAMS,**  
*President, The Rotary Club of Chard*

of their beloved granddaughter, 23rd-year-old Dr Jenny Bucknell.

The money is to be used specifically towards the £3,500 costs per day to provide free screening of 100 young people between the ages of 14 and 35 years of age.

Thank you to you all.

**HILLARY & BILL DURRANT,**  
*Knowle St Giles, near Chard*

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# A New Year plea to smokers to take care of your health

■ MY husband told me that his father (a priest) told him that smoking was evil. If it was evil, he was going to try it. He used his bus money, his dinner money, his pocket money, and even stole from his parents to buy cigs.

He was still a smoker when we got married 59 years ago, and still smoked when our children were small.

We could not afford money going up in smoke. We did not have a TV for some time, a car for even longer.

No holidays, in fact, during the holidays he was trying to earn extra cash by working on a farm, digging and making a cesspit, maintaining a pub garden.

He was called across the road on one occasion by the bank manager who asked him "when are you going to bank with us?" Yes, we were in the red end of every month.

Teachers' pay in those days was very poor. It came to the stage where I threatened to return to my parents, taking the children. He did apologise and say that he would try harder to stop.

There was one way to quit in those days - will power - I still found cigs in his jacket pocket and he was smoking secretly in the garden shed.

At some stage there was a programme on "Panorama" with Richard Dimbleby who said, for the first time that smoking could cause cancer.

All the teachers decided to put 2/6 in the kitty and the last one to start smoking could take all

the winnings. It was only a matter of time before one was caught smoking in the loo, another tried a pipe, but I don't know about the rest.

It was Christmas and my husband was on play-ground duty. When he went for his lunch there was an empty bottle of Sherry on the table - his winnings.

Soon after that he became very anti-smoking. He would not take library books if he could smell smoke, and would walk on the other side of the road rather than walk behind a smoker.

In 2009 he had the most dreadful cough, I could not share the same bedroom. I lost him in 2010 with lung cancer and a tumour of the brain.

If you are inclined to think that it won't happen to you, think again. Stop, it may already be too late.

I am lucky to have a loving family but there is nothing like sharing breakfast time together, going shopping together, watching TV (although it may be football!) and having to make all the decisions. If I want a cup of tea, well, I will have to go and make it myself and so it goes on.

Smoking, you are selfish. Think of other people. How are they going to feel after you have gone?

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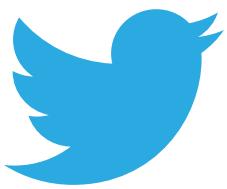
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# Inheritance Claims on the Rise?

**There appears to have been in recent years a steady increase in claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975. This might in part be attributed to the fragmentation of families but also to the dramatic increase in property prices over the last few years.**

The matter was recently brought to public attention in the case of *Ilot v Mitson*. In this case the deceased left the majority of her net estate to three charities having made no provision whatsoever for her adult daughter from whom she had been estranged for some 30 years. The deceased had been clear in her wishes to disinherit her daughter and had left a letter to her Executors to re-enforce her intention.

Nevertheless the daughter succeeded on appeal and was awarded £164,000 from the deceased's estate.

Whilst it is of course clear that a parent is under no obligation to leave anything to children under the terms of their Will, it is open for children to bring a claim under the provisions of the 1975 Act on grounds that the deceased failed to make reasonable provision for them.

The right extends not just to children but also to surviving wife/husband, co-habitees, stepchildren or anyone having been maintained by the deceased.

In determining such a claim, the Court will have regard to factors such as the respective resources of the claimant as well as the Will beneficiaries, the size and nature of the estate of the deceased and any other matter including conduct which the Court may regard as relevant.

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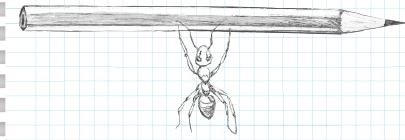
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# Diary Dates

## TUESDAY JANUARY 19TH

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged, and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20TH

**SEATON:** Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at the NEW VENUE, Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit [www.jurassicfolkandjam.co.uk](http://www.jurassicfolkandjam.co.uk)

**TATWORTH:** FREE Tea & Talk 'RNAS Yeovilton Past, Present & Future' in the Brewer Room at Tatworth Memorial Hall. 2pm. Organised by Tatworth & Forton Active Living. For more details call 01460 220339.

**SEATON:** Men's Probus Club meeting 10 a.m. Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane. Talk by Darren Walker of Devon Action entitled 'Help and Advice for the over 50s'.

**TRINITY HILL, NEAR AXMINSTER:** Work party, 10am-4pm at Trinity Hill LNR, Rhododendron clearance. Meet reserve CP (SY307959). Bring lunch. For more details call 01297 552945.

**OTTERY ST MARY:** Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 9.45am-12noon. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20TH - SATURDAY 23RD

**OTTERY ST MARY:** Ottery Community Theatre presents Sinbad the Sailor. 7.30pm nightly with a Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm. Tickets £6.50. Adults and £4.00 U18s available from Ottery St Mary Post Office. For Groups of 10 or more please phone 01404 814545.

**CREWKERNE:** The Pirate Panto by Ann Brolly at Victoria Hall, Crewkerne, 7.30pm nightly and matinee at 2.30 pm. Tickets £7.00 and £6.00 concessions, available from [www.cudos.org.uk](http://www.cudos.org.uk) or 01460 74380.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 21ST

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club will be away from their base as they visit Wellington Camera Club at Wellington for the first inter club competition of the new year.

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. 10am-11am. £2.50 for members, £3.50 for non-members.

**CHARD:** Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30-12.30pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At Crowshutte House, Crowshutte Link, Chard, TA20 2EZ. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information, email [laura@halff.org.uk](mailto:laura@halff.org.uk) or go to [www.halff.org.uk](http://www.halff.org.uk).

**SIDMOUTH:** Sidmouth Ballroom Dancing Club every Thursday 8-10pm at St Francis Hall. Dancers of all abilities welcome. For more details call 01395 579856.

## FRIDAY JANUARY 22ND

**TATWORTH:** Film: '45 Years' (cert 12a) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198

**HONITON:** Film: 'Love and Mercy' (cert 12a) at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50, under 16s £5.50.

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

**CHARD:** Chard Rotary Club Burn's Night Ceilidh and Auction of Promises with FREE haggis. At Chard Guildhall, 7.30pm-10.30pm. Tickets £10 (bring your own supper). Available from Barron's Outfitters (Chard) and Chard Guildhall.

**CREWKERNE:** Chef's Special Lunch - £7.50, at the Henhayes Centre. Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Eton Mess. 12 noon for 12.30pm. Prior booking essential. For more details or to book call 01460 74340.

**SEATON:** Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30-12.30pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At The United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information, email [admin@halff.org.uk](mailto:admin@halff.org.uk) or go to [www.halff.org.uk](http://www.halff.org.uk).

**ILMINSTER:** Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group start their 2016 programme with a presentation "Stear Marshes Wildfowl and Wetland Reserve". Aly Laver the acting site manager will outline the reasons and value behind the scheme which provides a mosaic of habitats for wildlife and people to enjoy. At Parish Hall, North Street. Everyone welcome. £2 members, £3 non-members, no charge for children. Refreshments available, and

# Six of the best

THREE of the most revered names in British jazz will be playing Ilminster Arts Centre later this month.

This gig – keenly anticipated by jazz fans – will feature the combined talents of multi-award winning saxophonist Alan Barnes, legendary sax player Bobby Wellins and top jazz guitarist Jim Mullen. And as if that wasn't enough of a treat, the Craig Milverton Trio will also be taking their place on stage for an evening of absolutely top-notch modern mainstream jazz. The concert is one of the most high profile jazz events ever to be staged at the Arts Centre and advance booking is strongly recommended.

Alan Barnes is a prolific international performer, composer, arranger, and bandleader. He is best known for his work on clarinet, alto and baritone sax, and he has worked with everyone from John Dankworth, Humphrey Lyttelton, Clare Teale, Jools Holland and Jamie Cullum, to Bjork and Bryan Ferry. He has received over 25 British Jazz Awards, and has twice been BBC Jazz Musician of the Year.

Bobby Wellins, many times winner of the National Jazz Awards, is probably the UK's best known sax player. He is remembered for his collaboration with British pianist Stan Tracey, with whom he recorded a suite of pieces inspired by Dylan Thomas' Under Milk Wood. In a 1998

poll by Jazz UK magazine, readers chose this record as their all-time favourite British jazz album.

Jim Mullen is four times winner of "Best Guitar" in the UK Jazz Awards. A pioneer of 1980s jazz fusion, Mullen has played with Vinegar Joe, Kokomo and the Average White Band, and for many years collaborated with the late sax player Dick Morrissey. He performs regularly with Jimmy Smith, Gene Harris, and Mose Allison.

Craig Milverton is one of Britain's top jazz pianists. He has played with a who's who of jazz talent including Digby Fairweather, George Melly, Julian Marc Stringle, Mark Crooks, Scott Hamilton, and Renato D'Aiello. His trio is regularly asked to back visiting American soloists at festivals and venues across the UK. Craig won the UK Jazz Award for piano in 2010.

Alan Barnes, Bobby Wellins, Jim Mullen and the Craig Milverton Trio perform at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, January 29th at 8pm. £20 (pre-show supper £13 at 7pm, booked in advance). For more details call 01460 54973 or visit [www.themeetinghouse.org.uk](http://www.themeetinghouse.org.uk)



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**WEST HILL:** West Hill Residents' Association Meeting, at 7.30 p.m. in West Hill Village Hall. Tim Leat and Liz Govier of Gilbert Stephens Solicitors LLP will talk about Lasting Power of Attorney. This is a subject that everyone needs to know about and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. There will also be an update on the Local Plan, the Villages Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. Residents will also have a chance to have their say and raise any issues of interest to the village. The meeting is open to all residents.

## SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD

**HONITON:** Orchestral Workshop with the CBSO. 10am-6pm. Play-through at 5pm open to the public. No admission charge, retiring collection. For experience string players. Enquiries to [roghendy@gmail.com](mailto:roghendy@gmail.com)

**SIDMOUTH:** 'Winter Wonderland' Weekend Dancing with Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. At Stowford Centre, 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door, £6.

**MERRIOTT:** Merrriott Social Club, live music in the bar with Nik-James from 9pm. Free entry, non members welcome.

**DALWOOD:** Tuckers Arms Jazz Club with the Annika Skoogh Quartet, 8pm. Featuring Annika Skoogh (vocals), Matt Carter (keyboard), Coach York (drums), and Al Swainger (bass). At the Tuckers Arms (EX13 7EG). Tickets £7 in advance or at the door. For more details call 01404 831280, or visit [www.dalwoodvillage.co.uk](http://www.dalwoodvillage.co.uk)

**YARCOMBE:** Yarcombe YFC Whist Drive, at Yarcombe Village Hall, 8pm prompt.

**SIDMOUTH:** Sidmouth Gospel Choir at St Gregory's Church, 7pm. Free entry with donations welcome. Refreshments available. For more details call 01297 625875.

## MONDAY JANUARY 25TH

**AXMINSTER:** Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

**BEER:** Beer Film Society presents "45 Years" (cert 15) starring Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay. At Steamers Restaurant in Beer doors open at 7pm, film 7.30pm. General Public £5, Members £3.50. All welcome, bar and refreshments available. [www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk)

**OTTERY ST MARY:** Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 7-10pm. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

## TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH

**ILMINSTER:** Study Day. 'Who Says? Making Judgements in Art'. This study day is led by David Phillips, and explores what makes a piece of art good, bad or indifferent, and what makes it valuable – or worthless? And when is a piece of art in good taste – and when is it just kitsch? Ticket prices: members £35, non members £40. For more details and application form see our website [ne-rochedfas.org.uk](http://ne-rochedfas.org.uk) or telephone Mrs. Wendy Outram 01460 259113. At Monks Yard, Horton Cross, 10am-3.30pm (including lunch).

**SIDMOUTH:** All Saints Tea Dance for Childrens Hospice SouthWest, 2.30pm. Every fourth Tuesday of the month. 01395 577122

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged, and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27TH

**AXMINSTER:** Coffee Afternoon and Cooking Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 2.30-4pm. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email [admin@halff.org.uk](mailto:admin@halff.org.uk)

**SEATON:** Devon Senior Voice – Seaton Area. The next meeting will be at Seaton Methodist Church Hall between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The speaker will be Helen Hlecarpenter from Axe Valley Care. For any further information about the meeting or Devon Senior Voice please contact Roger/Tina Trapani on 01297 21788.

**OTTERY ST MARY:** Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 9.45am-12noon. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

**UPLYME:** Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's first meeting of 2016. A Social Evening, Seed Swap and Quiz, at 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall. A good time to catch up with friends, swap your spare seeds, pay subscriptions, book for outings and collect a 2016 Summer Show Schedule. The quiz will be fairly lighthearted and not too long, allowing plenty of time for socialising. Bring and Share supper.

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## Jurassic Park in Crinolines: Play reveals dangerous life of female fossil hunter

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It's the story of this remarkable and lesser-known Victorian paleontologist that struck a chord with actress Alison Neil, and inspired her latest one woman show, "The Fossil Lady of Lyme".

"Imagine everything was created in six days... This was the England into which Mary Anning was born – just two hundred years ago. But with the discovery of fossils on the Jurassic coast, the accepted truths about the world were blown apart; it became clear that there had been a vast prehistoric age, with unimaginable monsters roaming the earth and swimming in the seas."

Alison's vivid play, which tells the personal story behind Mary Anning's world-changing discoveries, will be performed in village halls



Alison Neil as Mary Anning

across Devon for Villages in Action (VIA).

Alison has made a life's work of creating captivating one-woman plays about the formidable women forgotten or misrepresented by history.

"I started out as a 'proper' actress, performing in plays, TV and radio. I wrote my first one-woman show during a long tour in which I only had a small part, so I had a lot of spare time. 27 years later, I still seem to be doing them...."

See Alison Neil in 'The Fossil Lady of Lyme' at Yarcombe Jubilee Hall on Friday, February 5th at 7.30pm (tickets 01404 861353), and Axmouth Village Hall on Saturday, February 6th at 7pm (tickets 01297 20679).

For more details on Villages In Action visit the website at [www.villagesinaction.co.uk](http://www.villagesinaction.co.uk)

Advertiser's announcement

## A great venue for every occasion

KEVIN, Carole and Cohen welcome you to The Ridgeway. They are now in their 28th year, and now that Cohen is a little older, have increased opening hours.

If you are planning your wedding come along for an informal chat on the 23rd January. The Ridgeway's Wedding Taster Evening will be held between 7pm-9pm. Taste some of the delights or just have a look around. Whether you are planning a wedding, celebration or a party, The Ridgeway is a great venue. Set in a great location, menus can be devised to suit all pockets and tastes. The Ridgeway has a civil license for wedding and civil cere-

monies, or the Rafters restaurant is a great venue for special birthdays or anniversaries, and is available for private hire, bar service is free.

Bookings are now being taken for Valentines for February 13th and 14th, please enquire for menu.

The Ridgeway is open Tuesday through to Sunday for a traditional lunch. It is always best to call ahead if you are making a special journey as we do try to have the occasional day trip with Cohen.

New for 2016 is the wood fired oven, so come and try the authentic pizzas and watch them being cooked from £8.50. The January special offer is available on Friday and Saturday nights, when you order a Bresola Pizza (Beef & crumbled Dorset Blue Vinny) you get a Hawaiian Pizza for free!

The Ridgeway's popular Sunday Carvery is back for £10.95. January specials include slow cooked lamb shank, salmon wellington and juicy steaks.

At the moment we are only lighting the oven on a Friday and Saturday night and Sunday lunch, although if you



## Sidmouth Gospel Choir to perform concert in Seaton

SIDMOUTH Gospel Choir are looking forward to their first concert of the year at St Gregory's Parish Church, Colyford Road, Seaton this Saturday, January 23rd at 7pm.

The choir will be singing a varied programme including a range of pieces from 'Spiritual' religious folk songs in the African American tradition, through to well known contemporary gospel numbers.

The concert will be hosted by The Friends of St Gregory's Parish Church. Entry is free with donations invited for the maintenance of the church organ. Refreshments will also be available.

Sidmouth Gospel Choir is an inclusive, community choir which is open to people of any faith or none at all. They have been singing together since September 2003, originally under the leadership of local voice coach, Colleen Bleazard. Founding member Angie Carney is now their inspirational leader. Although she has no formal musical training, she is a great communicator and encourager, and the choir has thrived under her leadership.

Sidmouth Gospel Choir are always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested, go along to a rehearsal, free of charge, before deciding whether you would like to join them.

More information can be found on their website at [www.sidmouthgospelchoir.co.uk](http://www.sidmouthgospelchoir.co.uk)



Sidmouth Gospel Choir

# Two legends, one great night of Las Vegas

Fisher Stevens ready to rock Winstons with tributes to Elvis and Neil Diamond

FOR the first event of 2016 Winstons Bar and Grill presents 'Legends Of Las Vegas', a two hour spectacular featuring tributes to Elvis Presley and Neil Diamond. This show has been playing in London for quite a while and the event's organisers at Winstons are very excited about being able to put on such a prestige event.

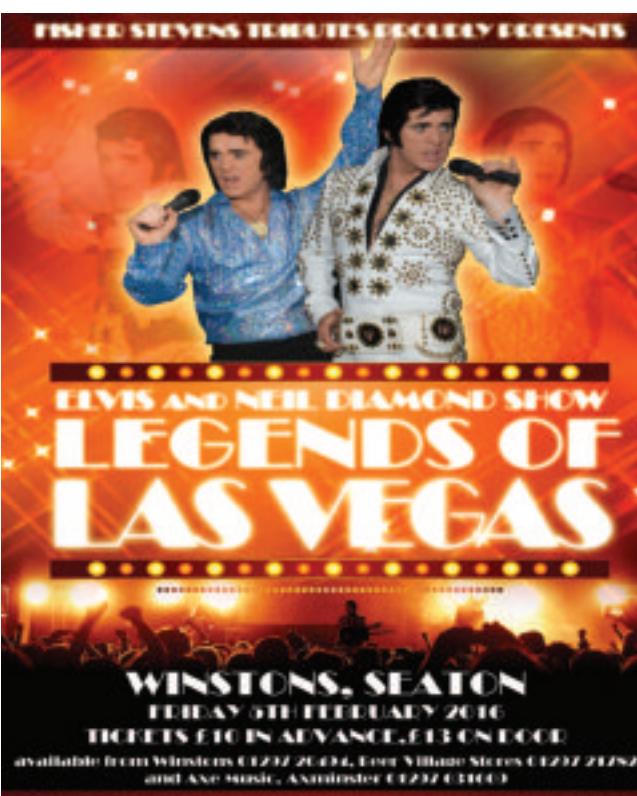
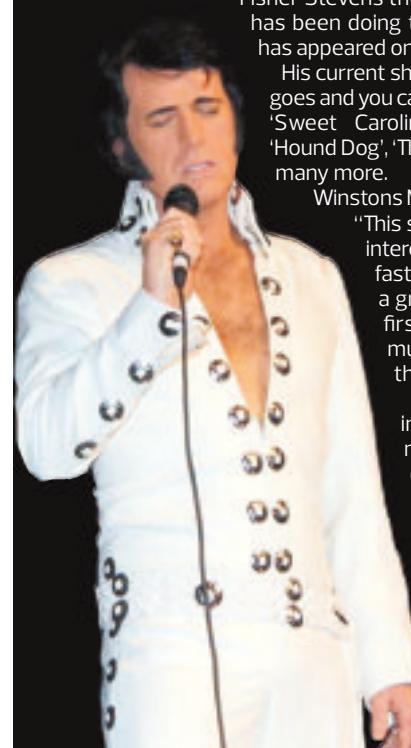
Fisher Stevens the man behind the voices, has been doing this for many years, and has appeared on TV several times.

His current show sells out wherever he goes and you can expect classics such as 'Sweet Caroline', 'Song Sung Blue', 'Hound Dog', 'The Wonder of You', and so many more.

Winstons Manager Chris Oakes said "This show has already created interest and tickets are selling fast, I know this is going to be a great night, and this is the first in a whole range of music events planned for the year".

Tickets are priced at £10 in advance or £13 on the night and can be purchased from Winstons Bar and Grill in Seaton, Beer Village Stores or Axe Music in Axminster.

For a full list of gigs for the year go to the website or check on [lemonrock.com/winstons](http://lemonrock.com/winstons)



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**Two legends - one great night of Las Vegas**

# Diary Dates

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27TH

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 28TH

**AXMINSTER:** Cook and Chat coffee morning and cooking demo. For Parents/Carers with children, by HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster 9.30-11am. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email [admin@halff.org.uk](mailto:admin@halff.org.uk).

**CLAPTON:** Community Coffee Morning, hosted by Clapton & Wayford Village Hall from 10.30am - 12.30pm. There will be a cake stall & raffle; all contributions welcomed. Do come and join us, to support your local facility, whilst meeting friends & neighbours or getting to know new people; all welcome. More details from Sue (01460 74433)

**SIDMOUTH:** Sidmouth Ballroom Dancing Club every Thursday 8-10pm at St Francis Hall. Dancers of all abilities welcome. For more details call 01395 579856.

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. 10am-11am. £2.50 for members, £3.50 for non-members.

## FRIDAY JANUARY 29TH

**HONITON:** Film: 'Suffragette' (cert 12A), with pre-show talk 'Juanita Maxwell Phillips; a Honiton Suffragette', at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50, under 16s £5.50.

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

**KILMINGTON:** East Devon Wildlife 'Save our Stunning Seas', presentation by Richard White, from DWT head office. 7.30pm-9.30pm at Kilmington Village Hall. Donation of £4 on door.

## SATURDAY JANUARY 30TH

**HONITON:** Theatre: Chaplin, performed by Pip Utton. At the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £8.

**COLYTON:** Work Party at Colyton Community Woodland, 10am-4pm. Hedge laying, bramble clearance. Meet at site car park, Hillhead (SY245934). For more details call 01297 552945.

**BEER:** Seaton Beer and District Branch of RNLI SOS Table Top Sale. 9am-12.30pm (doors open for sellers at 8am), at the Mariners Hall. Table hire £6. To hire a table and for more details call 07814 364527. Come along for bacon butties, tea and coffee plus raffle. Stalls include Cakes, Jewellery, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Home Goods and Toys

**UPLYME:** Concert by Lionel Handy (internationally acclaimed cellist) accompanied by Jennifer Hughes. At Uplyme Church, 7pm. £10 on the door. Children free. Faure, Ireland, Delius and Ravel.

**CREWKERNE:** Big Breakfast at Henhayes Centre. For more details call 01460 74340.

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

**AXMINSTER:** Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

**NERCONE:** 'The Art & Craft of the Pewterer', 7.15pm. This lecture by Andrew Spira will describe what pewter is, the history and decorative techniques, every step of the manufacturing process and various national styles. Guests £5. For more details visit [nerchedfas.org.uk](http://nerchedfas.org.uk)

**OTTERY ST MARY:** Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 7-10pm. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

**CHARD:** Chard Ladies' Evening Guild will have a talk by David Sutcliffe on Edwardian Music Hall at 7.30pm at Manor Court School. Visitors and new members will be very welcome.

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club holding a talk by Mr Andy Beel FRPS entitled 'The Untitled Monochrome' at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street at 7.30pm. Any newcomers wishing to attend will be made most welcome. Further details can be obtained from their website [www.chardcameroclub.org.uk](http://www.chardcameroclub.org.uk) or by giving Mr Peter Partridge a call on 01460 66885

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

**SEATON:** Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit [www.jurassicfolkandjam.com](http://www.jurassicfolkandjam.com)

**SEATON:** Men's Probus Club meeting 10 a.m. Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane. Talk by David Baldock entitled Spring on the Welsh Borders.

**OTTERY ST MARY:** Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 9.45am-12noon. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837.

**KILMINGTON:** Film: 'Suffragette' (cert 12A) at the village hall, Whitford Road. Doors and bar (wine and soft drinks) open at 6.45pm. Film start 7.15pm. Tickets £5 if purchased in advance from Hurlfords Store (village store Whitford Rd), or £5.50 at the door. For more details contact: 01297 32335

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

# Marine Theatre launches new season of events

THE MARINE THEATRE launched its new Spring season last Friday (January 15th) with a Launch in the Theatre Bar and a performance by local band Cosmic Café Lite.

This is the first of the Marine's new Bar opening times under the new management of Elizabeth Eade. The Theatre Bar will be open every Friday and Saturday evening from 5pm until 1am with free live music every Friday, a new Cocktail menu on offer and a range of local beers, wines and ciders.

Highlights of the theatre's Spring programme include the

Lyme Youth Theatre show - part of prestigious National Theatre Festival - from March 9th-12th, featuring 22 local teenagers in a raucous musical Bedbug set in 1920s Russia! Party nights make a return to the Marine, with local Funk Band Mr Jean playing on Friday, January 29th followed by DJs until 1am. The theatre will also play host to a number of celebrity stand-up comedians from TV and Radio including Robert Newman, Stewart Francis, and Mark Steel.

Artistic Director Clemmie Reynolds said: "I hope there will be something for everybody at



the Marine this Spring. But if there's something you'd love to see on at the theatre in the future, pop in and let me know!"

Other key new features of the season are daytime performances, joint events with the Mill and Museum, an enticing Black Tie fundraising dinner-dance, a jam-packed Easter holidays of family shows, and a wide range of theatre performances including dance, opera, Shakespeare and storytelling.

For the full programme, pick up a copy of the season brochure from the Marine Theatre and Tourist Information Centre.



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# Diary Dates

**SIDMOUTH:** Sidmouth Ballroom Dancing Club every Thursday 8-10pm at St Francis Hall. Dancers of all abilities welcome. For more details call 01395 579856.

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

**BRANSCOMBE:** Charity event in aid of Cancer Research at the Fountain Head. This will include a 3 course meal with a written quiz followed by an auction and raffle with great prizes. Canapés served at 7pm, followed by meal at 7.30pm. £20 per head, booking essential. For more details call 01297 680359.

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

**SIDMOUTH:** February Romance Ball! Weekend Dancing with Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Evening wear preferred. At Stowford Centre, 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door, £6.

**MERRIOTT:** Monthly Market and Table Top Sale at Merrriott Social Club, 10am-1pm, free entry.

**DRIMPTON:** 9th Annual Potato Day, at the village hall, 10.30am-2.30pm. Plenty of potatoes, food and fun. Entry 50p which includes a tea or coffee. Parking available at the village hall, and nearby.

**MISTERTON:** Misterton Tennis Club Wine and Wisdom Quiz at the village hall, Unity Lane, 7 for 7.30pm prompt. Teams of 4-6, £5 per head to include glass of wine/soft drink and nibbles. Raffle. For more details call 01460 743636.

**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Take Art! Pip Utton is Maggie Thatcher; a return of the much acclaimed & popular solo performer. 8pm. Tickets (including home-made soup & crusty bread), £10 adults, £5 under 18s, £25 family (2+2), should be booked in advance please on 01460 75313 or 01460 74849. There will also be a licensed bar & a raffle.

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

**COLYFORD:** Indoor Car Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall, 9am-2pm. Tables £5. For more details call 01297 23591.

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Methodist Church Service of Healing, 3.45pm, with tea and biscuits - all welcome.

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

**OTTERY ST MARY:** Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 7-10pm. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

**AWLISCOMBE:** Honiton Art Society Meeting. Water-colour Landscape demonstration by Norman Rossiter, at Awliscombe Village Hall, 2-4pm. Visitors £2. Visitors and new members always welcome.

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall, doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

**BROADWAY:** Ile Valley Flower Club Meeting at Broadway Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Demonstrator Jo Jacobs from Weston Super Mare, title 'Encore'. Visitors welcome, first two visit free.

**SIDMOUTH:** St Francis Tea Dance for Childrens Hospice South West, 2.30pm. 2nd Tuesday of the month. 01395 577122.

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

**OTTERY ST MARY:** Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 9.45am-12noon. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

**CHARD:** Chard Royal Naval Association social evening at the Conservative club in Chard at 7.30pm. Mr Roy Kibble will be giving a talk to the members entitled 'Bletchley Park' Anyone wishing to join the association would be made most if they attended on the evening. Further details call the secretary on 01460 77978 or chairman on 01460 929041.

**SIDMOUTH:** Sidmouth Ballroom Dancing Club every Thursday 8-10pm at St Francis Hall. Dancers of all abilities welcome. For more details call 01395 579856.

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

**AXMINSTER:** Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 10.30-12.30. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Preschool age children welcome with parents/carers. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email [admin@halff.org.uk](mailto:admin@halff.org.uk)

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

**KILMINGTON:** 'Ponds and Plants', by John Horsey. With a lifetime in horticulture and a passion for conservation and wildlife, John considers why ponds are so interesting, discusses different types of ponds, the ways of creating them, the plants they will support and the wildlife they will attract. Kilmington Gardening Club, 7.30pm, at Kilmington Village Hall, Whitford Road. Non-members welcome £1

# View 2

## Musicians classified

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## Kieran Hodgson presents his new show Lance

FOLLOWING a phenomenal sell-out run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Foster's Comedy Award Nominee Kieran Hodgson is grabbing his bike and taking his show *Lance* on the road with his debut national tour.

In 2003 Lance Armstrong won his 5th consecutive Tour de France, an achievement watched by a young and impressionable Kieran Hodgson from his West Yorkshire home. *Lance* is the hilarious story of growing up and moving on in the wake of a betrayal by your hero.

As well as displaying his impressive and hilarious live character comedy, Hodgson has appeared in BBC's Jonathan Creek and Count Arthur Strong as well as E4's Drifters and the box office smash Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa. Kieran also has a guest role in the upcoming second series of the BBC Three hit comedy Siblings.

Kieran Hodgson brings *Lance* to Exeter's Bike Shed Theatre on February 4th. For more details visit [www.bikeshedtheatre.co.uk](http://www.bikeshedtheatre.co.uk)

## In The Mix: A Creative Kaleidoscope

THE latest exhibition at Ilminster Arts Centre brings together an outstanding collection of Somerset artists. The participating artists have never exhibited as a group before so 'In the Mix' will be an exciting opportunity for visitors to see the work of these talented individuals together under one roof for the first time.

A creative kaleidoscope of different media, approaches and styles, the exhibition will have a wide appeal to general visitors, plus plenty of temptation for serious collectors of contemporary art.

Participating artists include Louise Allen, whose garden inspired oil paintings draw on her life-long love of gardens and gardening, Steve Cobbin an acrylic landscape

painter who has recently returned to his easel after a successful teaching career, Juliet Farnese an illustrator who also 'draws in wire', creating sculptures that capture the essence of her equestrian subjects, and Trisha Hayman a natural history watercolourist. Acrylic is Jordan's medium of choice – and one that he uses to depict landscapes, cityscapes and coastal scenes, in a crisp contemporary style. Other featured artists are Louise Waugh whose oil paintings express her appreciation of the visual world around her and in particular the lanes and hills of West Somerset; Fiona Winter, who explores architecture, history and narrative through mixed media compositions, and landscape painter

Annie Wood, whose paintings celebrate the glory of the countryside around her home on the Somerset/ Dorset borders.

Exhibition co-ordinator Sue Bishop says of the show, "In the Mix is a fascinating combination of artists and we are looking forward to seeing how their work res-

onates together in the beautiful setting of the Arts Centre gallery."

The 'In The Mix' exhibition runs from January 25th to February 13th at Ilminster Arts Centre. Open 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am to 2.30pm Saturdays. Admission is free.

## Stewart Francis is... The Pun Gent

**STEWART FRANCIS**, the star of *Mock The Week*, *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow* and *Live At The Apollo*, embarks on a brand new stand-up tour, starting in Spring 2015 and extended into 2016 after phenomenal demand with his fantastic, hilarious new show *Pun Gent*!

Stewart has devoted this show to his father, who was a roofer. So dad – if you're up there? He and his wife have decided they don't want kids. If any one does, they can drop them off tomorrow. Oh he's just kidding of course, he has a beautiful daughter who he named after his mum, and in fact passive aggressive psycho turns five tomorrow. On an unrelated matter, Stewart likes what mechanics wear... overall.

With Stewart Francis it's all about puns. And he's a gent. If time is money, Stewart's the man to do your shopping for he'll fill every minute with comedy bargains in the form of non-stop quick-fire gags, rarely giving you time to cease giggling until the next one starts. And it's not cheap produce either, previous goods winning awards such as Dave's Funniest Joke Of The Fringe Award 2012 and earning him a reputation as one of the finest comics around. Quite simply, the service Francis pro-

vides is good old-fashioned joke telling with a hook, punch-line and a dose of panache thrown in for good measure. So where's the catch? Well there probably is a pun-related answer, but only word wizards such as Stewart Francis could find one.

Having received international acclaim, in the US, UK and his native Canada, Stewart moved to the UK on a Tuesday in August, 2007 following successful appearances at the Edinburgh Fringe, sell-out nationwide tours and numerous TV appearances. Since then he has continued to sell out venues, appear on TV (besides *Mock The Week*, *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow* and *Live At The Apollo* he has been in *8 Out Of 10 Cats*, *Dave's One Night Stand*, and even *Celebrity Mastermind*) and supported Ricky Gervais on tour. He is also an actor and writer, credits including *Not Going Out* and *The Omid Djalili Show*.

Along with Craig Campbell and Glenn Wool he is also a member of comedy trio The Lumberjacks, who have performed at the Edinburgh Fringe and throughout the UK.

Stewart Francis brings *Pun Gent* to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, February 6th. Doors open 7.15pm. Tickets are £18.50 available by calling 01297 442138 or online at [www.marine-theatre.com](http://www.marine-theatre.com)

## ARIZONA ROCKERS AT THE LEMON GROVE



AMERICAN rock band (January 26th).

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## AWARD-WINNING INDEPENDENT DEVELOPER HOLDS SPECIAL OPEN WEEKEND AT EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN AXMINSTER

INDEPENDENT developer C G Fry & Son Ltd., with multi-award winning sites across the south west, is holding a special 'Open Weekend' at its new 'Lea Place' development in Axminster. The small, and exclusive development of just 13

private new-build homes is built in two adjoining cul-de-sacs in a charming Devon town located in unspoilt countryside in the beautiful Axe Valley. The special event on 30th and 31st January from 10am – 4pm and a great opportunity to see the final releases of three and four bedroom houses with prices from £265,000.

An easy walk via a public footpath to the town-centre with all its great amenities, Lea Place is a unique development of high-quality private dwellings with a mix of detached, semi-detached and mid/end-terrace consisting of three and four-bedroom homes, all with a garage and parking.

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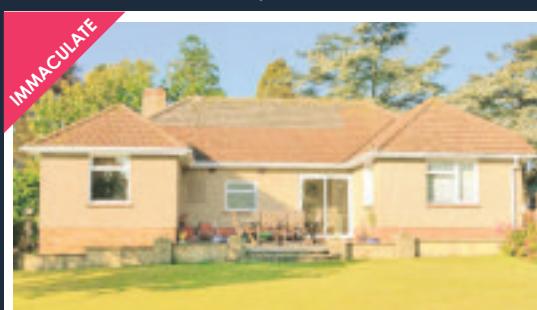
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A two bedroom ground floor apartment located on the eastern side of Axminster. The property comes to the market with the benefit of double glazing, door entry system, emergency careline system, communal gardens and part time house manager. This property is subject to a minimum age requirement of 60. Tenure: Leasehold, EPC rating: C



COMBE ST. NICHOLAS £295,000

A very well presented detached bungalow, which is situated close to the centre of this popular village. The property offers well-proportioned accommodation throughout. Externally, there is ample off road parking and a garage to the front and a large elevated garden to the rear enjoying far reaching views. Tenure: Freehold, EPC rating: E

## NEW! AXMINSTER

£237,500



A detached bungalow, which is located on the southern edge of Axminster. The south facing rear garden, stocked with a wide variety of established shrubs, plants and trees and fine country views can be enjoyed internally and externally from the rear of the property. Tenure: Freehold, EPC rating: D

## NEW! AXMINSTER

£237,500



A two bedroom detached bungalow, which is located within on the southern edge of the market town of Axminster. There are front and rear gardens with the bungalow, and the south facing rear garden in particular is mainly laid to lawn with fields beyond which blend seamlessly with the surroundings. In addition, fine country views can be enjoyed internally and externally from the rear of the property. Coming to the market with the added benefit of no onward chain. Tenure: Leasehold, EPC rating: D

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## NEW! AXMINSTER

£239,950



An attractive double fronted mid terrace four bedroom home, which was completed in 2010. The property forms part of a favoured and popular development towards the edge of the market town of Axminster. This property benefits from a garage, parking and NO ONWARD CHAIN. Tenure: Freehold, EPC rating: C



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## NEW! AXMINSTER

£125,500



A mid terrace two bedroom, two reception room cottage which is situated a short walk away from the facilities on offer in the small market town of Axminster. Tenure: Freehold, EPC rating: F



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AXMINSTER £159,950

Coming to the market with the benefit of no onward chain, this three bedroomed home is positioned in a popular area on the southern edge of Axminster. This property would be ideal as a family home, and would also suit the active retired or investment purchasers. Tenure: Freehold, EPC rating: D

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RAYMONDS HILL £440,000

A superbly presented detached four bedroom home located in a quality cul-de-sac location on the outskirts of Axminster. Offering easy access to the coastal town of Lyme Regis and the outstanding East Devon and Dorset countryside, this home also benefits from beautifully tended gardens. Tenure: Freehold, EPC rating: D



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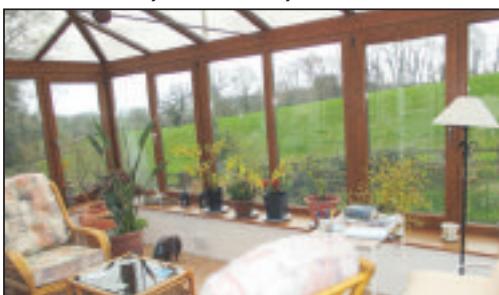
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### MELBURY, WOODBURY LANE, AXMINSTER - £349,950



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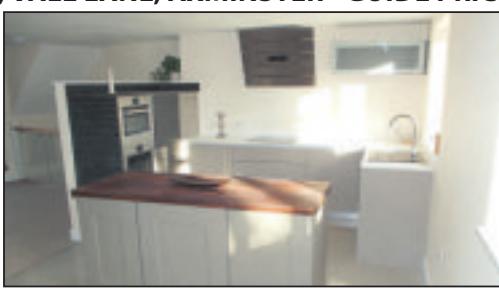


This brick built spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow, is situated in a very private and level plot on the southern outskirts of the town yet within easy walking distance of nearby countryside walks and town centre. Accommodation comprises: enclosed entrance porch, wide reception hall, lounge, conservatory, separate dining room, integrated kitchen, integral garage, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, bathroom, ample parking and private sunny south facing gardens. EPC TBC. £349,950

### NEW HOME, VALE LANE, AXMINSTER - GUIDE PRICE £325,000



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### 4 FLAX MEADOW LANE, AXMINSTER - £239,950



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Colyton, 3/4 bedroom Period House. £399,950

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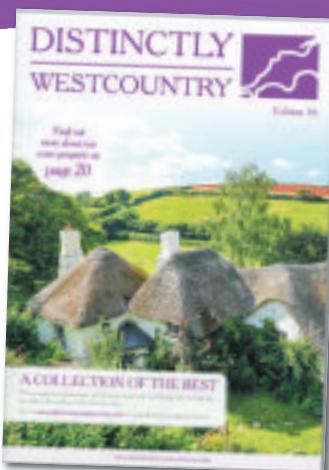
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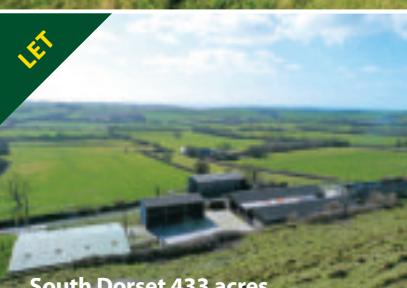
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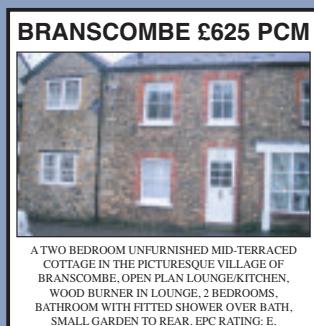


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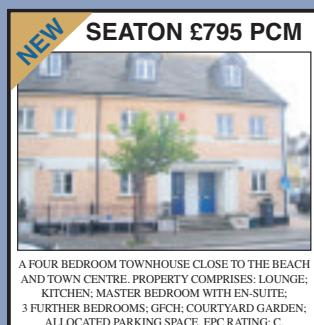


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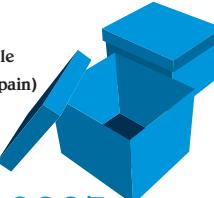
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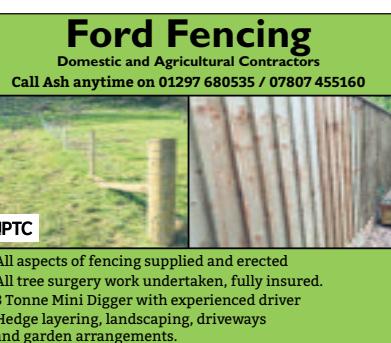
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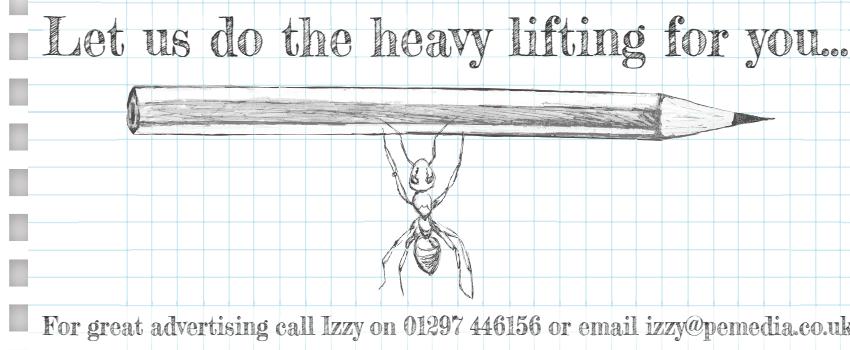
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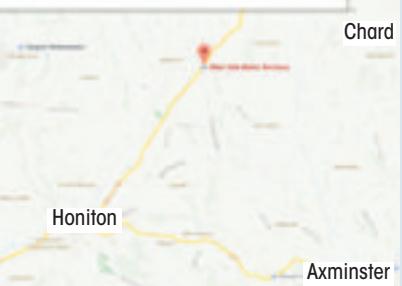
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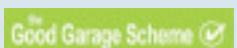


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## Electric cars achieve five years' growth in a single year

PLUG-IN vehicle registrations reached a record high in 2015 as 28,188 new ultra low emission vehicles (ULEVs) arrived on UK roads – more than the past five years' totals rolled into one. The switch to electric power marked a 94% annual rise compared to the previous year – while the popularity of plug-in vehicles shows no sign of slowing with an even greater selection of ULEVs due to be launched in 2016.

Analysis by government and motor-industry-backed Go Ultra Low reveals that ULEV registrations for 2015 eclipse the 21,486 total of plug-in vehicles sold between 2010 and 2014. Plug-in power is becoming a mainstream option for drivers alongside petrol and diesel powered cars as more plug-in vehicles make up the 2.6m new cars registered in 2015.

Fuelling the demand is a greater choice of models, with 30 pure electric or plug-in hybrid cars now available in the UK, ranging from high-performance sports cars to capable family run-arounds, and more are on the way in 2016. Last year, the plug-in hybrid vehicles proved most popular among motorists, with 18,254 registrations, a 137% increase on 2014. Fully electric vehicle sales increased 48%, recording 9,934 registrations.

Transport Minister Andrew Jones MP said, "The UK has one of the fastest

growing ultra-low emission vehicle markets in the world and these record figures show more and more people across the country are enjoying the benefits of this cheap-to-run and green technology.

"British drivers have a wider choice of vehicles than ever before and we have increased our support for plug-in vehicles to £600 million over the next five years to cut emissions, create jobs and support our cutting-edge industries."

Head of Go Ultra Low, Poppy Welch, said, "This sustained level of growth represents how plug-in vehicles are becoming the norm for drivers who want to buy a fun, economical, stylish new car. Now, instead of facing high running costs, motorists can reap the rewards of an economical ultra low emission vehicle, which can save the typical car owner hundreds of pounds every year. With this growth showing no signs of stopping, it's proof that electric car ownership is the new normal. Now, it's not a question of will motorists choose electric, but when."

### Local trends

With 9,186 ULEVs registered, the South East of England proved to be the region that saw the most new electric cars, each enjoying assistance from Government's Plug-in Car Grant (PiCG). The next biggest regions taking advan-

tage of the contributory funding were the South West ranked second (4,420) and the West Midlands third (3,371).

Every region of the United Kingdom recorded improved year-on-year registrations for plug-in hybrid cars, while almost all areas of the country experienced growth in pure electric car registrations.

### Plug-in bestsellers

As registrations of all fully electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles continue to soar, uptake of particular makes and model of ULEV has also increased among drivers who have made the switch to electric power. The top three bestselling EVs make up just over a third of all plug-in sales, demonstrating how there is a plug-in vehicle for every occasion. From sports cars to family-orientated SUVs, there are 27 other plug-in cars for drivers to choose from.

The Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV rules registrations for the second year running, 118% up on the previous year's figures. The top three is intact without change as the Nissan LEAF ranks second with a 29% hike in uptake while the BMW i3 continues to enjoy popularity among motorists, coming third once more with registrations 59% up year-on-year.

### Future market

Government anticipates that 5% of new car registrations (around 100,000

units) will be ultra low emission by 2020 – an expectation that appears on track in light of recent growth. As more motorists look to manage running costs, a money-saving end goal could be providing the momentum for the surge in electric vehicle popularity.

Electric cars can be driven for as little as 2p per mile, compared with 10-12p for a conventionally powered car. Furthering their appeal, the variety of city, family, SUV and sports cars provides the practicality mo-

torists crave, while some boast hybrid range of up to 700 miles.

Go Ultra Low exists to help motorists understand the benefits, cost savings and capabilities of the raft of ultra low emission vehicles on the market. The collaborative campaign is the first of its kind, bringing together a consortium of leading vehicle manufacturers, Government and the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

Further details are available at [www.GoUltraLow.com](http://www.GoUltraLow.com).



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## The new MINI John Cooper Works convertible

POTENT, race-bred John Cooper Works performance is now available as an open-air experience, with the debut of the new MINI John Cooper Works Convertible this spring.

This new model uses the same 2-litre TwinPower Turbo engine as found in MINI John Cooper Works Hatch, complete with its impressive 231hp and 320Nm of torque. So equipped, this latest addition to the MINI Convertible range can reach 62mph from rest in 6.5 seconds, before reaching a top speed of 150mph.

To harness this powerful engine the suspension, braking and cooling specification of the MINI Convertible has been suitably upgraded. The MINI John Cooper Works Convertible runs model-specific suspension settings, with a bespoke braking system and larger intakes to in-

crease cooling capability. The design alterations to the body not only aide aerodynamic performance, but also give the MINI John Cooper Works Convertible its own aesthetic appeal.

Inside, John Cooper Works sports seats and sporty trim touches create the perfect ambience for the enthusiast driver, and can be complemented by a wide range of optional extras, including MINI Media Pack XL featuring MINI Connected.

### Engine: power and torque gains for John Cooper Works Convertible

The latest John Cooper Works specification engine comprises turbocharging integrated in the exhaust manifold, petrol direct injection with injectors arranged centrally between the valves, VALVETRONIC fully variable

camshaft control on the intake and exhaust side (double VANOS). This is combined with modifications that give the engine of the MINI John Cooper Works Convertible an additional 39hp over the standard Cooper S model. The main focus has been on developing a new turbocharger, made of a highly temperature-resilient material, which delivers more boost. The pistons have also been specified accordingly, enabling a higher compression ratio. The result is a maximum torque of 320Nm at just 1,250 rpm through to 4,800 rpm, while at 5,200rpm the engine supplies its peak power output of 231hp – maintained at a constant level until 6,000 rpm.

The performance figures illustrate the potency on offer: the sprint from 0–62mph takes 6.6

seconds with the manual transmission (automatic: 6.5 seconds), and the top speed is 149mph (150mph). The John Cooper Works sports exhaust system is especially noticeable during top-down driving: with its reduced exhaust backpressure, it both contributes to a spontaneous power delivery and also generates the sound typical of the John Cooper Works models.

MINI John Cooper Works Convertible benefits from a number of efficiency measures which also have been introduced on other models, including MINI John Cooper Works Hatch. For example, the auto start/stop function can now be used in conjunction with the Steptronic transmission, and the standard MINI Driving Modes include the GREEN mode, which supports an efficient driving style. If the Steptronic transmission is fitted, it is possible to use the coasting function at speeds of between 30–100mph, as soon as the driver removes their foot from the accelerator pedal. The result is impressive fuel and emissions

figures: the new MINI John Cooper Works Convertible achieves an average fuel consumption of 47.9mpg (43.5mpg) and a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions level of 152g/km (138g/km).

### Transmission: six-speed manual or Steptronic automatic gearbox

The standard 6-speed manual transmission is characterised by low effort and short shift distances. A 'rev matching' function built into the manual transmission ensures jerk-free clutch engage-

ment, thereby enhancing comfort when shifting down a gear.

The optional 6-speed Steptronic sport transmission combines excellent efficiency with smooth yet fast gear changes. In manual mode it's possible to change gear using shift paddles at the steering wheel. Furthermore, in conjunction with the MINI Navigation System the transmission is able to take account of the route profile in automatically controlling gearshifts.



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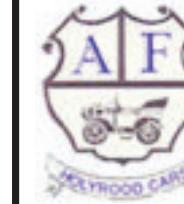
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# The new E-Class – the most intelligent business saloon

MERCEDES-BENZ is taking a big step into the future with the new E-Class. The tenth-generation business saloon delivers stylish highlights with its distinct, emotive design and high-grade interior. The new E-Class also brings numerous technical innovations. They enable comfortable, safe driving on a new level plus a new dimension in driver assistance – among other things – along with infotainment and control systems offering an all-new experience. Likewise exemplary are the newly developed diesel engine coupled with lightweight design and record-breaking aerodynamics figures that set the standards for efficiency in this segment, while new, optionally available multi-chamber air suspension ensures outstanding ride comfort and driving dynamics. The sum total of its innovations, including the Active Lane-change Assistant which allows the driver to steer into the selected lane as if by magic, make the E-Class the most intelligent saloon in the business class.

"The E-Class is the core of the Mercedes-Benz brand and in the past has repeatedly redefined the standards in the business-class segment. Now it carries this tradition into the future with a wealth of top-class innovations. The new E-Class takes another major step towards fully autonomous driving. In addition, it enhances efficiency, safety and comfort, reduces the stress level when driving and intensifies motoring pleasure," said Prof Dr Thomas Weber, Member of the Board of Management of Daimler AG, responsible for Group Research and Mercedes-Benz Cars Development.

#### Coupé-esque and powerful

The new E-Class is sophisticated, confidently stylish and sporty. Compared with its predecessor, its wheelbase has grown by 65 millimetres (2939/2874), and its overall length by 43 millimetres (4923/4880). Its design displays hallmark Mercedes-Benz saloon proportions. The elongated bonnet coupled with a coupé-esque roof flowing into a sensual, broad-shouldered tail end creates an exciting silhouette. The powerfully extended vehicle body is characterised by short overhangs, a long wheelbase, large wheels and taut well-defined flanks displaying a fresh, stylish and dynamic interpretation of the feature line. All of which allows the E-Class to deliver the perfect take on the Mercedes-Benz design philosophy: Sensual Purity.

A powerfully designed front end underlines the status the business-class saloon aspires to, boasting a different look for each design and equipment line. The base version features the classic Mercedes radiator grille with the star on the bonnet, as does the EXCLUSIVE line – albeit in an even more elaborate fashion. The AVANTGARDE and AMG Line models are identifiable by the sports radiator grille with a large Mercedes star as its centrepiece. In the UK all models will be offered exclusively with the sports radiator grille. Each of the radiator grille designs lends the E-Class a distinct character, offering a unique degree of diversity that makes each different model stand out.

At the rear end, broad shoulders above the rear wheel arches lend the E-Class its unmistakably powerful character. Single-piece tail lights featuring a two-bar design framed by the vehicle body clearly identify the E-Class as a new member of the Mercedes saloon family. Optionally available rear lights provide an additional highlight reminiscent of stardust, the Milky Way or the glow of a jet engine. This "stardust effect" is created by innovative reflector technology with a specially configured surface structure for the tail lights and is making its debut appearance on the new E-Class.

#### Next level interior design

The interior of the new E-Class embodies the synthesis of emotion and intelligence, poles that are defined by the Mercedes-Benz design philosophy – distinct forms with a sensual flow to them. Optional extras include two next-generation high-resolution displays, each with a wide screen diagonal of 12.3 inches – a first in this segment. Beneath their shared glass cover, the two displays visually conflate into a wide-screen cockpit that seems to be hovering in thin air, creating a central element that emphasises the horizontal orientation of the interior design. As the instrument cluster, this wide-screen cockpit contains a large display with virtual instruments in the direct field of vision of the driver as well as a central display above the centre console. The driver can choose between three different styles to select their preferred design for the wide-screen instrument cluster: "Classic", "Sport" and "Progressive".

In addition, touch-sensitive control buttons ('Touch Controls') on the steering wheel make their first appearance in a car. Like a smartphone interface, they respond precisely to horizontal and vertical swiping movements, allowing the driver to control the entire infotainment system using finger swipes without having to take their hands off the steering wheel. In keeping with the motto "hands on the wheel, eyes on the road", this allows achieving minimum driver distraction.

Further controls for the infotainment system are provided in the shape of a touchpad with controller in the centre console, which can even recognise handwriting, and the LINGUATRONIC voice control system. There are also direct-access buttons for controlling functions such as the air-

conditioning system or – in another first – for convenient activation and deactivation of certain driver assistance systems.

A new, intelligent graphic design with high-resolution visualisations and animations, together with a simplified logic, further enhances this all-new operating experience. At the same time, the occupants enjoy a sensual interior with spacious architecture, which combines the elegance of the luxury class with accomplished sportiness.

#### Intelligent material design

High-quality materials define the interior style. They include open-pore woods, wood in a yachting look with flowing lines as a contemporary interpretation of inlaid wood and a novel metal fabric. The use of authentic materials is continued in the leather-covered doors and the beltline for selected lines. Another Mercedes hallmark clearly in evidence is the high-quality look and feel created through meticulous attention to detail and craftsmanship.

Just as carefully composed is the material/colour concept with various shades of brown, including new attractive colour combinations such as nut brown/macchiato and saddle brown/macchiato. This allows a personalised interior design.

#### Lighting atmosphere with 64 colours

The interior lighting makes exclusive use of durable, energy-saving LED technology. The same applies to the enhanced ambient lighting included in the lines. With 64 colours, it offers a host of possibilities for personalisation. It adds touches of light, for example, to the trim parts, central display, front stowage facility on the centre console, handle recesses, door pockets, front and rear footwells, overhead console, and tweeters (if the vehicle is equipped with the Burmester® high-end 3D surround sound system).

The most powerful diesel variant will boast a six-cylinder engine incorporating advanced SCR exhaust technology, with an output of 190 kW (258 hp) and a peak torque of 620 Nm.

#### Seat design: first class

A further highlight of the new E-Class is its seats. Their ergonomic, sculptural form combines Mercedes-Benz's hallmark suitability for long journeys with a refined, sporty look, featuring a unique design for each line. Another new feature in this segment is a Heat Comfort package including heated armrests in the doors and on the centre console.

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# Sport - the local football scene

with Howard Larcombe

## South Petherton Reserves in County quarter final

### Shepton edged out in 13-goal thriller, Chard clear to concentrate on league

**Saturday, January 16th**  
**HENGROVE ATHLETIC 4 CHARD TOWN 2**  
*Les Phillips Cup R1 – att: 35*

TWO second half equalisers weren't enough to save Chard Town as they bowed out of the Les Phillips League Cup on Saturday.

Hosts Hengrove capitalised on some poor defending to take a 1-0 lead into the break.

But Chard, who were without midfielder James Regan who has returned to parent club Taunton Town but welcomed back club skipper George Chlopecki after a long term injury, battled back and Dorchester Town loanee Luke Woodland pounced to make it 1-1 just before the hour mark.

Once again a defensive lapse handed Hengrove the lead but Leigh Bailey, on the score sheet for the third game in row, forced extra time when he drilled home the second leveller.

But the fightbacks couldn't continue and the hosts deservedly struck twice in the extra half hour.

"We were excellent in the second-half of normal time but just ran out of steam in extra time," said Robins' boss Adam Fricker.

But Chard, currently lying joint top of the Toolstation Western Division One, have bigger fish to fry when they return to league action next Saturday with the first of five consecutive home matches when they welcome 10th placed Corsham Town (3pm ko).

**Robins:** Stuart Parris, Darren Hutchings (Max Westlake 73), Leigh Bailey, George Chlopecki (capt, Shaun Wells-Burr 55), Scott Hollings, Lewis Waldy, Ben Haines, Andy Martin, Luke Woodland (Guiseppe Totaro 95), Ed Butcher, Andy Butler.

#### SW Peninsula League

**AXMINSTER TOWN 1 BUDLEIGH SALERTON 1**

After last week's abandoned game it was good to see the weather had improved as the Tigers welcomed local rivals Budleigh Salterton.

The first half saw both teams having equal amounts of possession without much action in the final third and an evenly contested 45 minutes ended 0-0.

Axminster took the lead almost immediately after the turnaround when from a goal kick was flicked on by Adam Cole into the path of striker Luke Finn who beat the keeper.

The Tigers almost doubled their lead when some good interplay between Jon Hurford and Liam Cleal created a great opportunity for Finn but his effort hit the crossbar.

At 1-0 Budleigh were not out of the contest and they began to up the tempo and eventually equalised in the 78th minute scoring from a close range header.

A minute later a driving run from the hard working Finn found Ben Vine free six yards out but the substitute skied his shot high and wide.

Axminster, clearly the better side, pressed for the winner but Budleigh saw out the game comfortably in what was an entertaining draw.

#### DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

**CHARD TOWN RESERVES 1 ELMORE 7**  
*Premier Division*

Chard Town Reserves remain in the Premier Division relegation places after an afternoon to forget.

The Robins second string, with manager Stuart Parris called up for duty between the sticks for the club's first team, were on the wrong end of a seven-goal mauling on their own Zembard Lane turf.

Gary Warren took up the managerial reins and soon saw his team in trouble as the visitors took an early lead.

Chard squandered a golden chance to get back level soon afterwards when Adam Tovey skied a penalty over the crossbar.

This triggered the visiting Eagles into life and they swooped four more times before Jamie Barfoot pulled one back before the interval.

The visitors scored twice more in the second-half to complete a fine performance and leave Chard without a win in six matches.

Warren told *Pulman's Sport*: "They (Elmore) were very clinical but I don't believe we deserved to be 5-1 down at half-time. If we'd scored the penalty it could well have turned out differently, but they certainly warranted the three points."

The two teams are set to meet in the reverse fixture at Horsdon Park next Saturday (3pm ko).

#### ILMINSTER TOWN RES P NEWTON ST CYRES P

**Division Six**

THE Recreation Ground was one of 28 pitches in the Devon & Exeter League deemed to be unfit.

Ilminster travel to face Whipton & Pinhoe next Saturday (2.15pm).

#### SOMERSET LEAGUE

**WELLS CITY RESERVES 1 ILMINSTER TOWN 0**  
*Somerset League Div 1 (W)*

ILMINSTER Town manager Darren Manley felt his side were worth a point from their trip to face title contenders Wells City Reserves.

A goalless first half saw both teams cancel each other out in difficult conditions on a heavy pitch.

Brad Miles went close with a couple of long range drives, but the winner came in the 81st minute and Ilminster trooped home empty-handed.

The Blues have the first of four successive home fixtures next Saturday when they welcome BURNHAM UTD (2pm).

COMBE ST NICHOLAS had no fixture on Saturday but are back in action next weekend with Saturday's trip to face fellow mid-tabletters WINSCOMBE (2pm).

#### SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP QF

**FRESHFORD UTD 7 SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 6**

SHEPTON Beauchamp's hopes of County cup glory ended in a dramatic quarter-final defeat in Wiltshire at Trowbridge League Division One side Freshford United.

A nightmare opening 10 minutes saw the hosts score twice, "I thought we were in for a hammering," said Shepton boss Aggie Smith.

But Adam Dawe got on the end of an Aaron Stayner cross to make it 2-1.

Some poor defending from a set-piece handed Freshford their third, but Dan Smith showed good instincts to tap in from close range after the home keeper had spilled a Jamie Spurle shot.

The hosts struck first soon after the turnaround only for Spurle to jink past a couple of defenders and find the net from a tight angle.

But a Judd Sweet foul allowed Freshford to make it 5-3 from the penalty spot.

However Shepton refused to buckle and Aaron Sweet smashed in a 25-yarder that the home gloveman got a hand to but couldn't keep out.

And they forced extra time at 5-5 when Smith netted his second following good work from Spurle.

After a goal less first half, Shepton took the lead for the first time when Jon Spendlow put Dawe through and the former Crewkerne midfielder smashed the ball into the roof of the net.

But disaster was just around the corner. Shepton skipper Dougie Whitfield made a clean challenge in the area only for the referee to point to spot and it was 6-6, "We were really disappointed with that decision, we were on top and finally looking comfortable," said boss Smith.

The hosts snatched the winner in the last seconds to the dismay of Shepton after a plucky performance.

#### SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP (L16)

**SOUTH PETHERTON RESERVES 4 MERRIOTT ROVERS 2**

SOUTH Petherton Reserves will carry the PSDL banner into the quarter-finals of the Somerset Intermediate Cup after deserved 4-2 win over neighbours and Division Two colleagues Merrriott Rovers.

Pethy thought they had taken an early lead through Jimmy Rees but the 'goal' was ruled by referee Karl Stephens.

Undeterred, the hosts took control of the first half and led 2-0 courtesy of a double from Dan Kadir.

Matt Darby made it 3-0 before Craig Gosney pulled one back for the Rovers.

But the three-goal cushion was restored when Liam Murray made no mistake from the penalty spot after he himself had been felled.

Gavin Charles made it 4-2 with a fine free-kick but Pethy boss Gordy Childs felt his side were pretty comfortable throughout, he said: "Their keeper kept them in the game, we could have had

seven or eight but for him."

Childs picked out centre-back Nathan Storey as his MoM in makeshift back four.

The last eight: SOUTH PETHERTON RES, Sydenham Rangers, Westonoyland, Victoria Sports, Coleford Athletic Res, Ilchester Junior, Tunley Athletic Res.

Batey grabbed his second to level things up at 3-3 only for MoM Wilk to claim the pick of the goals a superb curling shot from wide on the left.

The Polish playmaker made it 5-3 in the 84th minutes when he headed a goal kick straight back into the net from 25 yards!

#### PERRY STREET 8 CREWKERNE TOWN 3

THE match a Tatworth went with form after title contenders Perry Street put in a powerful second-half display to defeat lowly Crewkerne Town.

The Plucky visitors were still in the game trailing 2-1 at the interval with a Seb Payne 25-yarder the highlight for Lee Gillman's side.

But the Mothers took control to cruise 5-1 front before Callum Hooper and Elliott Calvert reduced the arrears.

But the hosts showed their class as Crewkerne legs tired to score three lat on.

Dan Collins (3), Josh Chadwick (3, his third hat-trick in three games), Billy Sheahan and Jay Stewart netted for the recently crowned Coronation Cup winners.

#### COMBE RESERVES 7 W&M CHINNOCK 2

CHINNOCKS' keeper-manager Matt Alford had no complaints as his depleted side were well beaten on the Slades Cross slope.

The hosts had the game sewn up at half-time as they cruised into a 4-0 lead.

Liam Samways and Mark Cawley, from the penalty spot after Connor Smith had been felled, bagged the second-half consolations for the visitors with Neil Reid (2), Joe Simmons (2), Cameron Barfoot (2) and Jordan Allen on target for the Saints.

#### WINSHAM UTD 4 FORTON RANGERS 1

WINSHAM United moved up to seventh with a fine win in heavy conditions at Bakersfield.

Tom Stead scrambled home the put the hosts ahead only for Lee Richardson to level from the penalty spot after a foul by Paddy Adams.

But the Winsh weren't to be denied and strikes from John Allen, Ben Smith and Darren Spurle clinched the win.

#### DIVISION ONE

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#### DIVISION TWO

Clinton 0 Merriott Dynamos 2 (D.Samson, J.McDougal), Shepton Beau Res 2 (J.Brain, S.Lock) Kingsbury Episcopi 1 (S.French).

#### DIVISION THREE

Crewk Rangers Res 2 Farway Utd Res 2 (J.Henley 2), Drimpton Res 5 (A.Tanner 2, C.Lowdon 2, J.Betts) Chard Rangers Res 0.

#### FIXTURES – Saturday, January 23rd

##### SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP QF (1.45pm ko)

South Petherton Res v Draycott

##### CHALLENGE CUP QF (2pm)

Beaminster v West & Middle Chinnock

Perry Street v Chard Utd

Winsham Utd v Shepton Beauchamp

##### REG EGLON CUP (2pm)

Chard Rangers Reserves v Combe St Nicholas B Crewkerne Rangers Reserves v Ilminster Town A Drimpton Reserves v Farway Utd Reserves Thorncome Reserves v Chard Utd Allstars

##### Premier (2pm)

Crewkerne Town v Forton Rangers Lyme Regis Bantams v Combe Reserves Netherbury v Barrington

##### DIVISION ONE (2pm)

Barrington Reserves v Pymore Combe St Nicholas A v Waytown Hounds Hawkchurch Utd v Beaminster Reserves Ilminster Town Colts v Misterton Pymore v Crewkerne Rangers

##### DIVISION TWO (2pm)

Chard Utd Reserves v Merriott Rovers Kingsbury Episcopi v Winsham Utd Reserves Merriott Dynamos v Farway Utd

Shepton Beauchamp Res v South Petherton Res

##### DIVISION THREE (2pm)

Charmouth v Uplyme Reserves Fivehead v Netherbury Reserves

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# Frustrating home defeat for Chard

## SOUTH WEST DIVISION ONE

### Chard 20 Wells 27

THE Chard ground was heavy for this South West League fixture and the home side looked to have an early ascendancy in the set scrums.

They went ahead within five minutes of the kick off, winning a penalty at a scrum on the visitors' twenty two and with Dowse's place kick splitting the uprights.

Wells settled, and much of the ensuing play took place in home territory. The home defence coped however and the nearest Wells came to levelling was with a penalty goal attempt that fell short.

The home lead was increased in the 25th minute mark when they kicked a penalty to the corner, won the ensuing lineout and drove the maul over the visitors' line at some pace, with Jenkins coming up with the ball.

The try remained unconverted, but I thought that Chard were worthy of their lead at this stage with their edge in the tight becoming more and more pronounced.

They seemed to lose focus around the end of the half however when they took issue

with a marginal "not straight" call made by the referee and were penalised as a consequence. Wells attacked from the penalty and, after several phases, won another which they converted.

Chard suffered a sin binning at this stage and surrendered the momentum that they had established during the first half hour.

This fact became evident within a minute of the restart. A speculative kick out of the home defence was gathered on halfway by one of the visitors' big lads who galloped into the home twenty two before offloading to a colleague who got over by the posts. The try was goaled and Wells led 10-8.

Chard regained momentum however and pressurised the Wells defence through their scrum. They won several penalties close to the visitors' line before the referee lost patience and awarded the penalty try. Dowse added the extras and Chard led 15-10.

Wells rallied and with ten minutes left tapped a penalty in midfield, breached the home defence and got over by the posts for a converted try. They kicked a penalty a couple

of minutes later also and now led 20-15.

But Chard were not done. They kicked a penalty to the corner and drove over from 15 yards with Helliwell last up. The kick to take the lead slid just wide and the scores were now tied at 20-20.

Wells mounted one last attack as they sent the ball wide, switched and changed the point of attack where they had an overlap. The ball carrier was tackled in possession however but, from the ensuing set scrum, they found space on the narrow side and sniped over. Although the touchdown came out wide, the conversion was successful.

Chard had little time to respond and frustratingly lost a game they had controlled for much of the time. They enjoyed a very distinct edge at the set scrums and their lineout worked well throughout.

They suffered a couple of bad periods, having allowed one or two marginal refereeing calls to affect their focus. During these comparatively short periods they became at odds with themselves, authority and the game itself, and their opponents prospered accordingly.

### Chard 3rd 39 Crewkerne 2nd 12

THE home side had the game sewn up by the interval at which point they led 27-0.

Crewkerne did come back into the contest during the second period with a couple of tries of their own, but a touchdown by man of the match, Wayne Lewis, together with a debut senior score by Ellis Lewis saw the home side run out comfortable winners in the end.

### SW Div 1

	Pld	+/-	Pts
Cambridge	16	315	65
Thornbury	15	196	54
Bridgwater & Alb	14	55	49
Newent	14	84	47
Bideford	16	51	47
Drybrook	15	99	45
Weston-super-Mare	14	64	40
Wells	16	-50	35
Clevedon	13	7	30
Avonmouth OB	15	-66	26
CHARD	14	-84	24
Teignmouth	15	-240	20
North Petherton	16	-189	19
Coney Hill	15	-242	4

### CREWKERNE

THE annual inter-league competition was recently hosted by the Kingsbury Super League side at the Rusty Axe in Stembbridge. Teams of eight from the Crewkerne, Yeovil, Chard and Kingsbury leagues competed in a round-robin competition.

## darts round-up

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180s: Flynn Jones (PJs); Danny Larcombe (Colcombe Castle); Dave Dack (Seaton FC B); Kevin Searle, Mark Fisher (Seaton FC A).

1001/PAIRS	Pld	Pts	Singles	Pld	Pts
Seaton FC A	12	54	Seaton FC A	12	57
Seaton FC B	11	43	Seaton FC B	11	45
PJs	11	37	Kings Arms B	11	41
Kingfisher A	11	30	Kingfisher A	11	40
Golden Hind	12	29	Golden Hind	12	35
Kings Arms B	10	22	PJs	11	34
Beer Club B	10	22	Vault	10	26
Vault	10	20	Colcombe C	11	15
Colcombe C	11	15	Kingfisher B	11	25
Seaton Saints	10	13	Colcombe C	11	19
Kingfisher B	11	12	Seaton Saints	10	13

nated to St. Margaret's Hospice.

The League Division One pairs competition was held last Thursday. The Winners were Kev Dalwood & Gordie Fitzpatrick with Chris Adams & Simon Whatley runners up.

Division One Pld Pts

Hot Shots ..... 10 82

Can't Say ..... 9 68

Allsorts ..... 9 66

Royal Oak (Crewk) ..... 8 63

Mighty Oaks ..... 8 63

Happy Hooters ..... 8 57

Jokers ..... 7 53

Cats Eyes ..... 8 38

Madrid Reserves ..... 7 29

Halfway to Paradise ..... 9 27

Clubbers ..... 8 18

Watty Crankers ..... 8 17

Del Boys ..... 9 13

Division Two Pld Pts

Dartaholics Anon ..... 8 64

Rosie's Rebels ..... 8 59

Raging Bullseyes ..... 9 56

Who Knows ..... 9 54

The Bandits ..... 9 54

The Dartsicle ..... 8 52

Double Treble ..... 8 37

No Skill, Just Lucky ..... 7 35

Globetrotters ..... 8 20

Lou's Crew ..... 8 20

## jack high bowls round-up

# Honiton Ladies march on in Yetton Trophy

HONITON with Julie Grant

HAVING won the plate last year, another England title is the aim for Honiton Ladies 2016 and resoundingly beating Plymouth 91-53 by winning on all four rinks the Ladies are now into the final 16 clubs in the country.

The Lane Honiton Ladies also had an overall win against Plymouth mainly due to the winning triple of Carol Armitage, Tilly Tillier & Heather Chambers 26-8.

In mixed friendlies Honiton won and lost being generous to Exonia who won 84-69 but with a Honiton winning rink of Yvonne Williams, Bob Mackintosh, Thelma Flynn & Bill Nicholls 28-1. Against Ottery St Mary Honiton won 80-52, top rink was achieved by Di Hawkins, Liz Fielding, Tony Williams & Pat Whitworth.

MERRIOTT SMBC with Anne Weeks

FOLLOWING the Christmas break, Merriott has been very active on the mats. After their heavy defeat in the Milford & Dorset League at Chard by the Harlequins the Canaries had another thrilling game against the

Hurricanes.

For six ends the Canaries held the lead but dropped their form for a while, pulling back to 11-11 after the 13th end.

With all to play for on the final end the two skips were faced with a tricky head where the jack was just 14 inches from the edge of the mat and two opposing bowls resting on each other just an inch from the jack.

The Canaries had the final shot and their skip's bowl just nudged the touching bowls but sadly, also softly touching the jack which trickled slowly off the mat and gave two shots away, resulting in another loss for the Canaries at 11-13 but what a thrilling match.

The evening before Merriott played host to South Petherton with the visitors leading at half time by eight points. However, the hosts got everything together for the second session and pulled off a 51-37 win.

Saturday saw a team participating in the East Coker Givele League.

Their first match against Somerset Youth was a needle game with family rivalry at stake!

Grandfather was playing for Merriott and his 15-year-old grandson playing for the youth team.

Merriott triumphed 11-5 but it was to be their last win of the day as Somerset Youth team went on to win the final two games.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

ILMINSTER ladies played near neighbours DONYATT in the first round of the Double Rink with Ilminster winning at home, losing away, but winning 44-30 overall.

Details: Home, Myra Childs, Norma Pugh, Dot Whelan & June Checketts 30 Jean Jones 7; Away, Heather Grinter, Sarah lightfoot, Jill Parker & Penny Stow 14 Carol Parsons 23. Ilminster now play Purnell in the next round.

On Sunday the COUNTY UNDER 255 were the visitors in a three rink friendly with the visitors winning 70-46.

Details Ilminster: Steve Webster, Anthony Bickle, Sam Webster & Kevin Hamilton 11 Reece Williams 28; Brian Welch, John Pemberton, Colin White & Roger Lench 21 Sam Steel 16; Kevin Crouch, Colin Osborne, Cyril Cox & Dave Crouch 14 Jack Groves

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AXMINSTER with David Harris

IN the mixed friendlies we started the new year with a 36-57 home defeat to the NOMADS with only Sue Stevenson, Morrison Brown, Pam Hunter & Brian Clark managing a win (20-12).

Next up we were beaten 70-85 at BRIDPORT with our best results being two ties - Pam Hunter, David Harris, Neil Solomon & George Mabon (21-21) and John Packham, Margaret Brown, Malcolm Denslow & Margaret Crompton (21-21).

We then enjoyed a 74-48 success at home to CHARD with wins on all rinks - Ann Clayton, Margaret Brown, John Hill & Brian Clark (27-15), Morrison Brown, Alan Nabarra, Malcolm Denslow & Margaret Crompton (26-16) and Pam Hunter, Brian Smith, Jean Kesterton & Derek Pheby (21-17).

We then lost our final mixed friendly 55-82 at home to OTTERY ST MARY with no winners although Phil White, Margaret Brown, David Harris, and John Hill were pipped on the last end. The men lost their County

Over-60s match with TORBAY 96-70 overall despite an excellent 25-12 win for Mike Hennegan, Sid Milburn, Doug Loskan & John Gough.

The Ladies played two County 'Lane' games in Quick succession.

Firstly they lost 53-74 against PLYMOUTH with an excellent 18-13 win for the away rink of Brenda Edwards, Phil White, and Ann Clayton and were unlucky to lose by one shot against TORBAY with the home rink of Alison Glyde, Margaret Ball & Margaret Crompton winning 23-13 and the away rink of Joan Quick, Jan Parsons & Judith Moffit unlucky to only tie 18-18 after a luckless 16th end when they lost six shots.

Ann Clayton put up a great show in her Ladies 'Champion of Champions' national game against Dawn Konetsky from DAWLISH and was unlucky to lose 15-21.

Finally, Brian Cursley, John Packham, George Mabon & Bob Sherborne represented the Club in a Vice Presidents game at HONITON and did well to come away with a 25-8 win.

## tee off golf round-up

# Iced tees at Honiton!

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE Seniors played their first Medal competition of the New Year.

In first place, with a nett score of 70, was Rob Heard (HC 15), second with a nett 73 was A Bishop (HC 27) and in third, with a nett 76, was T Strong (HC 6). Tony Strong was the only player to record a 2.

The Ladies section found a weather window and played their 4th Winter League match in some lovely winter sunshine. The stableford format results were; M Kenchington 1st, Anne Jarvis 2nd and 3rd was Jill Wellington.

HONITON with John Pawley

THE Ladies were lucky again this week in that the course was open for play. However, due to frost early Wednesday morning, the Stableford qualifier became a non-qualifier as all holes had temporary greens.

Although it was sunny, it was very cold and only eight brave ladies entered the competition.

All divisions were joined together for allocating the prize money. Jackie Seager was first with 33 points followed by Sue Ritchie with 30 points.

Other ladies did take the opportunity to enjoy the golf and improve their winter eclectic scores. Meanwhile, 41 hardy souls ventured on Friday to compete in a senior Stableford competition combined with the 3rd round of the Winter Eclectic.

A dusting of snow and ice, allied to a saturated course, provided unusually testing conditions. The wintry conditions made all aspects difficult, especially putting on the snow/ice covered winter greens. Malcolm Matthews emerged victorious in Division One with 32 points beating Dave Morgan on count-back. Stan Squire, Alan Pollock and Bill Eaton followed closely behind.

Steve Blundell triumphed in Division Two with 29 points nudging ahead of Norman Runciman and Mike Delaney on count-back, followed by Bill Phillips and Tom Tunnicliffe.

All 26 golf balls on offer in the Two's competition were won by David Ivey who chipped in for the only 2 of the round at the second hole.

## football six-a-side

# Champs crowned

WITH two games still remaining Lads on Toure wrapped up the inaugural Axminster League six-a-side title.

The team have long looked the most likely to take the silverware, and duly delivered this week as Olli Binnion took the eye in their 3-1 cruise against already relegated The Tools.

Tugas Team went a long way to sealing the second spot with a 2-0 win against 50 Shades Of O'Shea.

Stop The Bus will be playing in the top division next season after squeaking home by the game's only goal against Carehomessouthwest FC.

But the title race is still very much alive despite Tekkerslovakia 3-1 to Six Offenders - who kept their hopes of promotion alive with the win.

In the pick of the other

## netball honiton

Division One:

Hi Q 41 Otters 17, Flamingos 23 Upplowman 45, Tip Top Trees 28 JD Tyres 14, Signs SW 16 Sidmouth TC 24.

Premier Pld GD Pts

Lads on Toure (C) ..... 12 39 22

Tugas Team ..... 12 21 16

Lokomotiv SR ..... 12 18 14

Pink Panthers AFC ..... 12 13 13

50 Shades of O'Shea ..... 12 4 4

The Tools ..... 12 44 4

Ramos Army ..... 12 33 5

Premier Pld GD Pts

Stop The Bus ..... 12 22 21

Tekkerslovakia ..... 12 24 19

Six Offenders ..... 12 20 16

Valarreal ..... 12 4 4

Uplyme & Sinker ..... 12 7 9

Carehomessouthwest ..... 12 8 7

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Ilminster aa  
Rockin Robin

ELEVEN Ilminster AA members actually managed to get on the River Isle on Sunday for round six of the Royal Oak League.

The top four weights all broke double figures with Robin Cox (Ilminster) leading the way with a fantastic net of club and roach weighing 26lb 10oz from peg 128 at Isle Brewers. Rob caught on the pole and double maggot.

Bruce Hunt (Tiverton) was second with 13lb 2oz of small fish on the whip and maggot from Hambridge and Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) was third with two big chub and some roach for 11lb 4oz from peg 129.

After six matches Graham Field leads the league with seven points followed by Robin Cox (9) and Justin Charles (10).

Sections; A - Steve Parker (Ilminster) - 4lb, B - Justin Charles (Ilminster) - 11lb 2oz.

There is a V.E.S. match next Sunday and the draw is at Coxes Bridge at 8.30am.

starter's orders running news

# Runaway Jake takes tape

## HONITON RUNNING CLUB

with Judy Davy

lowed by Jay Sweetman (243rd in 49:28) who had left Tony Peek (269th in 50:56) at the four-mile marker having run together until that point.

The first lady for Honiton was Linda Pike who had a fantastic run coming 273rd in 51:05. However, the stand out result for Honiton was an ecstatic Wendy Williams who smashed her PB finishing 366th in 56:21.

Other Honiton runners: 323 Nick Thorpe 53:53, 338 Phil Hall 55:07, 343 Teresa Pollard 54:58, 370 Clare Melbourne 56:21, 375 Sandra Thorpe 56:38, 402 Bernice Bastin 58:43, 409 Sam Shute 58:47, 414 Joanne Davey 59:20, 450 Asilah Jarrald 1:02:27, 480 Dawn Peek 1:03:14 and 495 Vanessa Glynn-Jones 1:09:11. There were 515 finishers.

There was a good size turn out of Honiton runners at the FIRST CHANCE 10k last Sunday. This is a traffic free fast and flat course in Exeter's Riverside Valley Park.

The race was won by Tom Merson who set a new course record of 30 minutes 10 seconds winning £100 for his efforts.

The weather was perfect for running and several of the Honiton runners managed pb's.

Hadleigh Davies had only grabbed a place at the last minute and led the Honiton runners home finishing 110th in 43:02.

Sam Pollard was next back coming 230th in 49:08 and he was fol-

## AXE VALLEY RUNNERS

with Dave Mutter

CAITLIN and Jake Smith ran in the DEVON SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS at Stover School on Saturday afternoon.

Caitlin was first up in the Junior Girls' race of two small loops



◆ ALL SET: Honiton Running Club members pictured before Sunday's First Chance 10K

around the muddy circuit, a total distance of 3km.

She started in the middle of the pack and was 6th after the first circuit, before working her way further up the field to finish 3rd overall, the first Year 8 finisher in the race.

It was then Jake's turn in the Senior Boys' race over a total distance of 6.5 km. He got away quickly and lead from the start, steadily increasing his lead every lap to eventually win the race by around 10 seconds and take the

Devon Schools County title.

The pair will now hopefully move on to run for Devon in the South West Championships in Cheltenham before the National Championships in Nottingham in March.

Garry Perratt raced on Saturday for the first time in ages, competing in the DIRTY DEVIL DUATHLON at the Bovington Tank Range in Dorset.

He was pleased with his performance, finishing 8th in 1:21:28, seven minutes behind the winner and first over-50.

cricket top tugs league

# New secretary or no league!

AFTER 16 years in the role, Terry Sterland has confirmed he is standing down as Secretary of the Togs Togs Evening Cricket League.

He is holding its AGM on Tuesday, February 16th at Chard Cricket Club (7pm) when it is hoped that somebody will come forward to take on the position.

Mr Sterland said: "If nobody steps forward to take over there will not be any fixtures organised for 2016, as I will be finished after the meeting. I'm sure nobody wants the league to fold, but I am definitely not carrying on."

All teams entering the league must attend the meeting, and send details to Terry Sterland beforehand of the following; Name of Club, Ground for home games, Grass or Artificial pitch, Name of League contact, Address, Post Code, phone number/s and email address.

Also confirmed of whether you wish to be in knock out cup as well as the league.

## snooker seaton & dist

Results; (January 12th);

Chard Casuals 1+2 Honiton Wonderers 5+0, Honiton WMC 0+0 Colyton Feds 6+4, Colyton TC 3+4 Chard IZZA147 3+0.

Pike.

The draw at Colyton was un-eventful, but good to see Dave Bennett back in action.

Table Pld Pts

Wanderers ..... 10 49  
Colyton Feds ..... 10 38  
Colyton TC ..... 10 37  
Colyton ExCons ..... 9 25  
Chard Casuals ..... 10 21  
Honiton WMC ..... 10 8

B.Miller Cup Pld Pts

Colyton TC ..... 10 70  
Wanderers ..... 10 57  
Chard IZZA147 ..... 10 52  
Colyton Feds ..... 11 45  
Chard Casuals ..... 10 45  
Colyton ExCons ..... 9 35  
Honiton WMC ..... 10 12

## ILMINSTER & DIST

Nomination Grp A Pld Pts

Flying Turkeys ..... 7 68

Nomads ..... 7 57

Axminster Inn A ..... 15 26

Rousdon Ladies ..... 15 18

Red Lion A ..... 15 16

Colcombe A ..... 15 16

New Inn A ..... 15 14

Axe Inn Jokers ..... 15 14

White Hart Wilm A ..... 15 14

Cloakham Stars ..... 15 14

Colyton Inn AFC ..... 14 12

Tuckers B ..... 15 10

Hawkchurch Halfcuts ..... 15 10

Perfect Pins ..... 12 12

Gerrard Guzzlers ..... 14 12

Seaton Bowling ..... 15 12

Bees Knees ..... 15 10

Tuckers Arms C ..... 15 10

Cloakham A ..... 14 8

Wootton Sherberts ..... 14 6

Old Inn Kilmington B ..... 15 16

Old Inn Kilmington IV ..... 14 14

White Hart Warriors ..... 14 14

Thorncombe Newtops ..... 13 20

Tuckers Arms A ..... 15 20

Red Lion Rabbit ..... 15 20

Gerrard A ..... 14 18

Thorncombe A ..... 15 12

White Hart Wilm A ..... 15 12

Culm Vale ..... 13 18

Ur Arms ..... 11 14

Blacksmiths ..... 13 14

Talaton ..... 13 14

Seaton FC ..... 10 10

Old Inn Kilmington ..... 15 8

Axe Inn Allsorts ..... 15 6

Marvells ..... 13 20

Auctioneers ..... 13 18

Culm Vale ..... 13 18

Ur Arms ..... 11 14

Blacksmiths ..... 13 14

Talaton ..... 13 14

Seaton FC ..... 10 10

Foxenhole ..... 11 10

Sidford ..... 12 10

Upottery ..... 12 10

Zulu Warriors ..... 12 8

Night Owls ..... 11 6

Perkins Village ..... 12 4

Nomination Grp B Pld Pts

Crown Crusaders ..... 7 77

Cricketers ..... 7 67

Hatch Beagles ..... 8 57

Bell Broadway ..... 7 49

Wyndham Warriors ..... 7 40

Floater ..... 7 40

Bell A ..... 7 26

Ilton Choppers ..... 7 19

Hatch Eggs ..... 7 9

Ladies Division One Pld Pts

Flying Turkeys ..... 7 68

Nomads ..... 7 57

Rockey's Rollers ..... 7 55

Royal Oak Faces ..... 7 54

Ashill Boys ..... 8 45

Ashill Inn ..... 7 37

Flying Turkeys All Stars ..... 7 32

King's Head ..... 7 27

Wyndham Clangers ..... 7 9

The Likely Lads ..... 11 66

Muppets ..... 10 63\*

That's Wassap ..... 11 58

Beer Leg Boys ..... 11 48

Willy Low Flyers ..... 11 39

Rotary ..... 11 23

B 257 (S Chaplin J Love 46)

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## Holyrood scoop cup



◆ CHAMPS: The Holyrood Academy under 14 boys hockey team which recently lifted the Somerset County title at Millfield School. Jacob Boobyer (2), Elliot Parry (2), Seb Horne, Barnaby Willis, Ryan Rud-dick and Man-of-the-Match Ryan Lewis scored the goals in the Final as they thrashed Bridgwater's Haygrove School 8-0.

## Pegasus flying high!

CREWKERNE Pegasus Karate Club had a successful day at the recent Phoenix Karate National Black Belt grading with 100 per cent pass rate.

Club members made the trip to Solihull, West Midlands to take part in the event.

After four hours of training and grading Darren Allen was promoted to 3rd Dan Black Belt, Les Lloyd and Mark Cummings were both promoted to 1st Dan Black Belt, and 12-year-old Kyla Hooper became the youngest



◆ PERFECT: The Crewkerne Pegasus karate Club members who achieved a 100 per cent pass rate.

member of the club to ever be promoted to 1st Dan Black Belt.

They are pictured with Club instructors Steve Hooper, Sarah

McDermott and Bob Gould, along with head of the grading panel Barry Tatlow 8th Dan.

The club trains at

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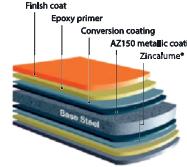
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